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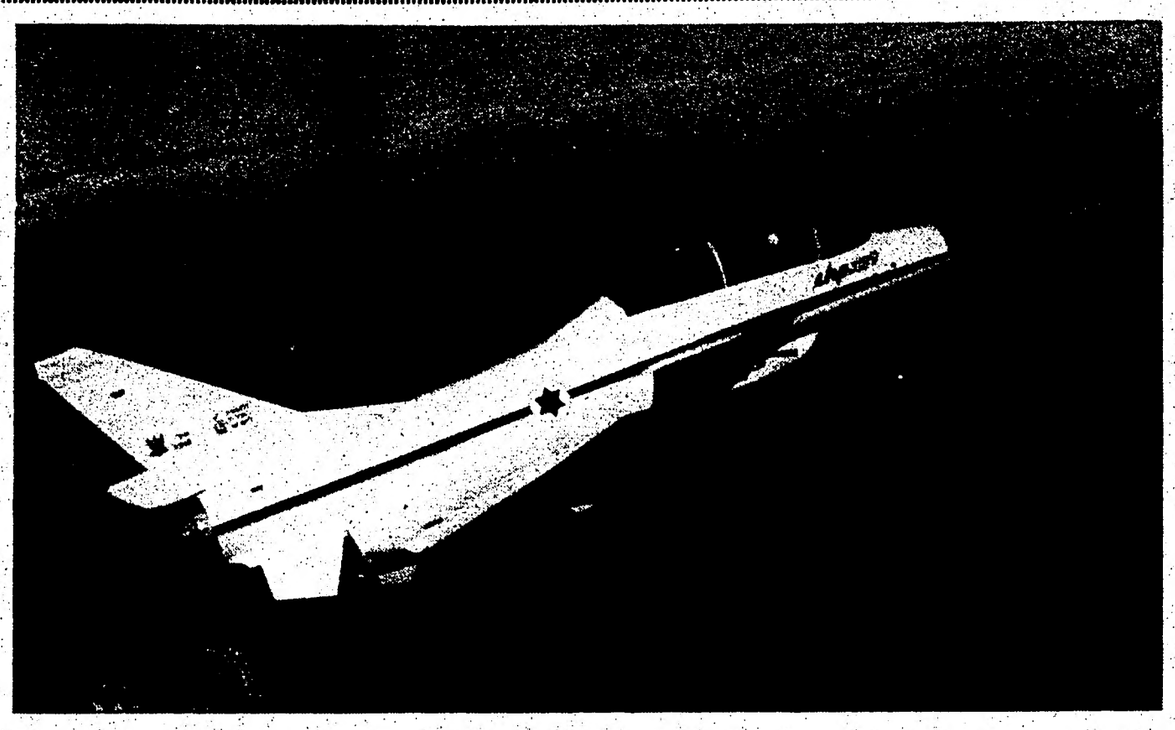

LAVI TEST FLIGHT

Israel's own fighter plane, the Lavi, during its third flight which tested all the plane's systems. The Lavi has lived up to expectations and has been pronounced by the experts as a resounding success. A second Lavi will undergo its maiden flight this summer. The only problem now is whether there will be sufficient funding to carry on production of the plane.

Knesset to approve Arab housing plan

By
EDWIN BLACK

JERUSALEM —

Israel is about to inaugurate a quiet revolution in its treatment of Israeli Arabs. After years of debate, the cabinet will soon approve a comprehensive housing plan for the state's Arab population.

In so doing, Israel hopes to blunt the steady alienation of 600,000 of its own citizens, and embark upon the long road toward equal treatment of minorities.

For decades, Israeli Christian and Moslem Arab villages have been virtually devoid of any cohesive housing plan. As a result, thousands of illegal Arab homes have been built, many facing court-ordered demolition. After protracted appeals, these court orders have now become affirmed and final — raising the spectre of mass demolitions of Arab dwellings.

Unwilling to undertake such an onerous campaign against its own citizenry, the government has decided to bend.

The soon-to-be announced government policy is outlined in the so-called Markovitch Report compiled by Yaakov Markovitch, deputy director of the interior ministry. Few government officials will comment on the specifics of the report, because the cabinet itself has not had a chance to review it.

But among its 50 recommendations is this pivotal one: "legitimize" en masse nearly all the illegal and unlicensed Arab structures in existence prior to March 1986, thus averting the need to destroy thousands of residences.

"Yes, you can say 'Muhammad has come to the mountain,' " remarked Markovitch about the government decision to abandon enforcement efforts under the weight of the numbers. Moshe Arens, minister without portfolio in charge of minority affairs, concedes, "We had no choice, we had to legitimize these buildings — there were some 6,000 in question." Arens' chief advisor on the subject, Amos Gilboa explains, "We are not Russia. We just could not do it (destroy 6,000 homes). So instead we are legitimizing them."

Arab housing is what one government official termed an "historical problem." Jewish leaders are at a loss to explain why a nation so accomplished at community planning allowed so chaotic a situation to develop in its Arab areas.

"For 40 years, the government did not give us a just housing solution," explains Labor MK Abed Darawshe, who sits on the Knesset's interior committee. "So the (Arab) population was obligated to find its own solution, and build on private (Arab) lands — *not* because they wanted to breach the law — but because there was no other solution."

Lack of initial planning in Arab villages was complicated by Israel's continuing lack of attention to the Arab sector's growing needs. "In the last 30 years there has been a big change in the economic situation for Israeli Arabs," explains Markovitch. "Many have found jobs in the cities and no longer (work) as farmers. Status among Arab families is gained by someone who has a new and good home. So when they saw buildings in the Jewish sector, they wanted to improve their standard of living the same way."

But Arabs who owned residential land did not want to sell or subdivide it to other villagers. So new residential land was needed. However, no one submitted revised master plans to the planning authorities. "Consequently, there simply has not been zoning for Arab homes," states David Clayman, Jerusalem director of the American Jewish Congress, who is familiar with the problem. "Plus, there was a whole series of inequities in the system itself that required Arabs to build illegally."

Markovitch admits that many of these buildings, although constructed without a permit, "were of very high quality." But they were built haphazardly, often far from the city or village infrastructure, such as roads, sewers or utilities. "Many of these high standard buildings have no telephone or electricity, or they are located right where a future road or electrical station is to be built," he added. "This is no way for a village or a country to grow."

As of this writing, most cabinet officials have yet to see the report. For that matter, neither have concerned Israeli Arab officials — including Labor MK Darawshe himself — seen the document. "No Arab has seen it," complains Darawshe. "We demanded it from the interior ministry — it belongs to us! And they have promised — but so far, did not give it."

Under 100 pages, the blue-jacketed report has not yet been translated into

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Effort to maintain stability

Economic accord signed

By
DAVID LANDAU
& WOLF BLITZER

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

A new economic package agreement, to remain in effect until March, 1988, has been signed by the government, labor and management. It is intended to maintain economic stability in the face of price increases triggered by the devaluation of the shekel and government moves to cut public spending.

The principal signatories were Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, Yisrael Kessar, secretary-general of Histadrut, and Dov Lautman, head of the Association of Manufacturers and Employers. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, a key figure in negotiations that led to the accord, will add his signature when he returns from a trip to Europe.

The package deal was approved by the cabinet more than three weeks ago and was to have been signed then. But a dispute with Histadrut over government funding for its sick fund, Kupat Holim, delayed the labor federation's endorsement.

It was made possible after the Treasury agreed to contribute 47 million shekels to Kupat Holim for higher pay to nurses and to keep abreast of its needs. Kupat Holim provides health insurance and medical care for about 85% of the population.

A feature of the new economic package is withholding 2.7% of the next cost-of-living increment to wage earners in order to prevent a new inflationary spiral resulting from the reduced value of the shekel. The full increment will be added to national insurance payments.

Other features of the package are: price controls on many consumer goods to remain in force until March, 1988; no rise in the price of subsidized goods and services, apart from public transportation; income tax reform, mainly lowering the top bracket to 48% from 60%; capital market reform, with reduced government involvement in the market effective April 1, and government efforts to lower interest rates.

Meanwhile, in Washington, U.S. officials continued to press a visiting delegation of Israeli officials to impose additional budget cuts and economic reforms.

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2 Refuseniks may go

MOSCOW (UPI) —

Two imprisoned Soviet dissidents will be released soon and allowed to emigrate with their families, human rights activist Yelena Bonner said Friday.

The imminent release of Anatoly Koryagin, a 48-year-old psychiatrist, and Sergei Khodorovich, 45, a computer programmer and the former custodian of the Alexander Solzhenitsyn fund for dissidents' families, comes in the wake of the appeal of Bonner's husband, Nobel Prize winner Andrei Sakharov, to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Bonner's statement came the day after Samuel Zivs, chairman of the Anti-Zionist Committee, said Soviet authorities in January approved emigration applications for 500 Soviet Jews and were re-evaluating 9,000 to 10,000 other applications.

Zivs' comments were made Jan. 29 during a taped conversation with American talk-show host Phil Donahue, filming Donahue on location in Moscow.

Zivs was unavailable for further comment. The Soviet visa department and foreign ministry refused to make a statement on the report.

See page 7 for update on hunger striker Alexander Ioffe and cancer patient Lea Mariasin.

Rabin warns Syrians against chemical war

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last week that Israel has information that Syria possesses chemical weapons more potent than those used by Iraq in its war with Iran. He warned Damascus not even to contemplate chemical warfare against Israel because it knew full well what the consequences would be. He did not elaborate. (See page 10.)

Addressing Jerusalem high school students, Rabin said the Israel Defence Force has taken measures to protect soldiers and civilians against poison gas attacks. He said 4 million gas masks are in stock at central warehouses and that a practice drill indicated they could be distributed swiftly throughout the country.

Gas masks and chemical resistant clothing and equipment would be distributed if and when the government thought the situation warranted it, Rabin said.

New envoy to arrive next month

OTTAWA —

Israel's new ambassador to Canada, Israel Gur-Arieh, is due to take up his post next month.

His predecessor, Eliashiv Ben-Horin, is retiring from the foreign service and is scheduled to leave the country within weeks.

Gur-Arieh, who holds the rank of career ambassador, comes to Canada fresh from a job as assistant director for Latin American affairs in the foreign ministry.

He was ambassador to Mexico before that.

Born in Romania, Gur-Arieh served in the ministry of defence before becoming a diplomat.

He has served in New York City and Buenos Aires. He has also been assistant director-general for administration in the ministry.

He is married and has one daughter.

Zundel appeal decision is expected this week

TORONTO —

A decision by the attorney general's department on whether to appeal the recent judgment in the Ernst Zundel case was to be made this week, it was reported at press time.

According to a spokesperson in the department, that decision would be made following the return to Toronto of Attorney General Ian Scott from Ottawa, where he appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada in the school funding case.

Meanwhile Network, the Jewish students organization, called upon Scott to appeal the Ontario Court of Appeal decision if legal grounds justify such action.

Should the Crown determine that an appeal to the Supreme Court would fail, Network urged the Crown to proceed with a new trial.

"We are not afraid to confront Zundel and his fringe of so-called 'experts' once again," Network spokesman Michael Zeldman said. "We have faith that our justice system will prevail and he will be convicted."

Zundel was convicted in February 1985 of spreading lies about the Holocaust and sentenced to 15 months in jail. His appeal of the conviction was upheld recently by the Court of Appeal (CJN Jan. 29) because of errors during the trial. The court ordered a new trial.

The Crown has 21 days from the date of the judgment to appeal the decision. Its other options are to begin a new trial or stay the charge and let it lapse. Crown attorney Douglas Hunt said charging Zundel under a different section of the law, such as the one criminalizing the wilfull promotion of hatred, section 281.2 of the Criminal Code, is an option but altering the charge at this point is an uncommon procedure.

Zundel's lawyer at the bail hearing said her client wished to travel to Israel, the U.S. and West Germany to examine World War II archives. However under the terms of his bail, Zundel cannot leave the province.

Zundel, a landed immigrant, has no Canadian passport and his West German passport was removed several years ago.

World-National

W. German student poll heartening

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I have just perused the 25th anniversary volume of *Tribuene* a German quarterly devoted to help Germans understand Judaism. It is an impressive book with a number of interesting articles, and none more so than the report of a unique experiment undertaken by two graduates of a German high school.

Rabbi Plaut

The two took a well constructed questionnaire and interviewed over 4,000 students ranging in age from 13 to 18 (and some even older). All questions concerned themselves with Jews, and the perceptions which German students had of them, of the Nazis, and of Germany's history and future. Boys and girls were represented in equal numbers.

One set of inquiries tried to find out from where students received their information in these areas of knowledge. When it came to Jews and their history, most information was obtained from school and parents: regarding the persecution of the Jews and the State of Israel, school and TV were the greatest sources of information. Books and newspapers ranked low.

By far the most intriguing part of the survey consisted of "gut" questions. Here are some samples (students were asked to agree or disagree; "don't know" or other answers add up to the full 100%):

National Socialism was a good idea which was badly executed. 76% no.

Reports about six million Jews murdered are greatly exaggerated. 86% no.

We should now forget about Auschwitz. 76% no.

Germany should sell arms even to Israel's enemies. 28% yes, 52% no, 14% don't know.

To the question whether Germans generally had been aware of the murder of Jews, only 13% said yes, while the great majority, 78% said they did not know.

Could Jews and Germans ever be as close to one another as Germans to other Germans or Jews to Jews? Overwhelmingly, the answer was yes.

But students had generally no personal acquaintance with any Jews and when asked to name outstanding Jews in Germany could only think of a few names of the past, like Albert Einstein, Heinrich Heine, Anne Frank and Franz Kafka (of these, Heine converted; Frank and Kafka were not Germans!).

On the whole, these are heartening answers. Still, Rainer A. Roth, the analyst of the survey, has serious reservations. While most German youth are not anti-semites, he writes, the shadows of the past are shortening and memory is receding. There is still a small hard core of prejudice, and the absence of personal encounter is to be greatly regretted.

Last but not least, a significant minority believe that Hitler and his close associates were the main culprits in engineering the Final Solution — which would leave just about everyone else free of guilt.

It is good, however, he concludes, that the schools rank so high in providing the source of historical information, for they present a handle with which further progress can be made.

Addendum: In the same mail with the *Tribuene*, which is published in West Germany, came an invitation to participate in a Jewish-Christian dialogue in East Germany — the first invitation I have ever received from a Communist country. I am thinking about it.

Concerned about new U.S. law

Israel cutting S. African arms link

By
WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON —

Israel is quietly moving to reduce its military cooperation with South Africa, clearly concerned about a new U.S. law which could cut off American military assistance to those countries violating the United Nations arms embargo against the apartheid regime.

Newsweek Magazine, in its latest issue, has just reported that Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin made a brief, top secret visit to South Africa recently, warning government leaders there that Israel would soon have to "lower its profile" as a reported supplier of arms and military experience to Pretoria.

The magazine said that officials in Jerusalem fear that $1.8 billion in U.S. military aid might be jeopardized by a forthcoming state department report which might name Israel as a major exporter of weapons to South Africa.

The amendment requiring such a report was attached last year to legislation imposing U.S. economic sanctions against South Africa. It was introduced by Republican Senators Dan Evans of Washington State and Charles Mathias of Maryland. Mathias has since retired from the Senate.

Specifically, the amendment calls on the President to issue a "study" by April listing those countries which have refused to comply with the United Nations arms embargo against South Africa. The state department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research has been asked to prepare the study.

The amendment raises the possibility — but does not mandate — that the U.S. would cut off military assistance to those countries which have violated the arms embargo. There is no mention of Israel or any other countries in the actual language of the amendment.

The amendment said: "The President shall conduct a study on the extent to which the international embargo on the sale and export of arms and military technology to South Africa is being violated."

The amendment said the study should include "an identification of those countries engaged in such sale or export with a view to terminating United States military assistance to those countries."

The amendment included several other options available to the President to encourage foreign compliance with the arms embargo against South Africa. But the major source of concern to Israeli officials, of course, focuses on the language in the amendment raising the possibility of "a prohibition on military assistance to those countries that the report . . . identifies as continuing to circumvent the embargo on arms and military technology to South Africa."

In recent weeks, U.S. and Israeli officials have discussed the matter informally.

Some of Israel's best friends on Capitol Hill have expressed fear that the state department's study, once released, could embarrass Israel, especially if the report goes into extensive detail on the nature of any continuing Israeli military relationship with South Africa.

But an actual aid cutoff appears unlikely. "It's hard to imagine this administration or any administration doing that," a top Capitol Hill staffer told Newsweek. "It's even harder to imagine Congress voting for that." Other administration officials and Congressional sources agreed.

Still, Israeli officials remain uneasy about the report. They fear that at a minimum, Israel's image could be damaged by it.

Israeli supporters in Washington have pointed out that any "honest" report would have to wind up also naming most of the Western nations as maintaining "indirect" military ties with the South African regime. Through intermediaries, they charged that Britain was supplying South Africa with tanks and Sweden was supplying it with artillery.

There have even been reports in the U.S. news media in recent weeks that the United States, through the Central Intelligence Agency, was continuing its official liaison with South Africa.

Thus, there is some sense in Washington that the state department's final report, once cleared by the White House, will try to downplay the importance of the entire matter.

Rightists get more support

BONN (JTA) —

West Germany's oldest established radical right-wing political group, the National Democratic Party (NPD), won 0.6% of the popular vote in the recent general elections, enough to qualify for state financial aid but far below the 5% needed for representation in parliament.

Nevertheless, the NPD, which garnered about 250,000 votes, performed better than in the last Bundestag elections in 1983, when it drew only 0.2%.

The combined vote for the NPD and all other extreme right wing factions amounted to 1% of the total votes cast.

The Patriots, the European branch of the Lyndon LaRouche group in the U.S., the Courageous Citizens and similar groupings on the radical right drew 0.4% between them.

Although the NPD achieved 1% in the elections to the Strasbourg-based Parliament of Europe two years ago — mainly because of a poor turnout — neither it nor any other faction on the far right has emerged as a political force of any consequence in West Germany.

One reason is that they are ideologically divided and split the extremist vote between them. Another is that the conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU), headed by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, and its Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union (CSU), made a strong bid for right-wing votes during the election campaign.

(See Jewish World column)

To ignore "Message Waiting" is sure indication of security

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

The computer terminal I write on has a row of eight little lights on the side, most of which I ignore. One bulb, though, lights frequently. It says "Message Waiting" and I always answer it with alacrity. This is because I had a tough time in high school.

Please understand. Most of these messages are not for me. They are sent to everyone in the computer system to announce something like the deadline for United Way contributions. These messages are electronic junkmail. Nevertheless, I notice that most of my colleagues hit the "Call Message" key as the "Message Waiting" button lights up, just the way I do.

But I have also noticed that some of my colleagues pay no attention at all to the Message Waiting light. They just continue writing or talking and then, in their own good time, call for the message. I have gone around the newsroom mentally making a list of these people. I hate them one and all.

I hate them because I think they are among the most secure people on Earth. I think they are the same people who can let a phone ring. They are the ones who know, because it has been their experience, that the caller will call back. They know that they will always be wanted. They know all this because they were popular in high school, which is, Sigmund Freud's emphasis on infancy notwithstanding, the crucial formative period in life. Everything after high school is, well, more high school.

It is because of high school, because of a social-sexual life that was only infrequently social and never sexual, that I must answer a phone or (the high-tech variation) my Call Message button. Who knows? It could be an invitation to a party. It could be a compliment for something I wrote.

Or it could be a message from Linda — wonderful Linda with the long, dark hair who could play the guitar and knew the lyrics to salacious folk songs. That Linda! The Linda of my youth who never called or, if she did, I was out. (There were no answering machines then, folks.)

In fact, to digress for a moment, I wonder what the contemporary versions of the high school Richard Cohen do now. I, at least, never knew whether the call I was yearning for came while I was out. I could imagine it had. I could imagine the look on Linda's beautiful face. The smile as she dialed. Her anticipation as the phone rang. The look of disappointment when there was no answer. The grimace as she realized I was out with someone else. How could she know I was taking out the garbage?

Anyway, I had no answering machine, so I just stayed close to the phone, sometimes just staring at it. I tried to will it to ring. "Okay, by the time I count to 10, Linda will call. One, two, three. . . ." Nothing. (What do Simon and Garfunkel know about the sounds of silence?) Later, I even got an answering service on a trial basis, but that was worse than not getting any calls at all. It got so I could not face the message operator and her "Still no messages, Mr. Cohen," refrain. Things were so bad I took to leaving messages for myself, a mental illness that has yet to be categorized.

In most of us, the urge to answer the phone is so great that it accounts for our willingness to be treated rudely. For instance, it is common to wait patiently in line while the clerk takes a call from someone who has not been waiting at all. Ask yourself why someone who has not been waiting should take precedence over someone who has. Ask yourself, why you don't protest.

I'll tell you why. It's because long ago, say around your sophomore year, you developed a neurotic relationship with the telephone. You know that it cannot be allowed to ring. Like Pavlov's dog, you simply react to the bell. The stimulus is the fear that a loved one is calling; the reality is that it is an insurance agent.

I, for one, have had nervous breakdowns while on the back porch, fumbling for my keys as I hear the phone ringing. Had Dante written his Inferno today, he would have made Hell the place where you constantly run for the phone only to hear it go "click" as you answer.

But there are, I tell you, people who know that the loved one will call back. They are the same people who wait to respond to their Message Waiting light. That's because the true loved ones are not the ones calling, but the ones getting the calls. They are the secure people of this Earth, the ones who had a happy time in high school, the ones who wouldn't dream of asking for whom the bell tolls. For these people, there will always be a message waiting.

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Legal abortions increase

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Legal abortions have increased by 15% in Israel since a law limiting the right to abortion was passed by the Knesset nine weeks ago.

According to figures released recently, the health ministry approved 9,300 abortions in the first six months of 1986. Health authorities estimate that 10,000 abortions are performed illegally every year by private physicians.

The main grounds for approved abortions are pregnancies which endanger the lives of the mothers, physically deformed babies and pregnancies resulting from extramarital relations by married women.

The latest figures on abortions were released after a 17-year-old girl from Safed died of complications during an illegal abortion. The incident prompted a delegation from Na'amat, the Labor Zionist women's organization, to call on Education Minister Yitzhak Navon and the Knesset education committee to urge sex education in school.

According to a Na'amat survey, a third of Israeli parents refuse to educate their children about sex because they fear it would lead them to have sexual relations.

Campaign in CZF elections

Coalition fights funding cuts for Israel yeshivot

TORONTO —

A coalition has been formed to prevent what its members fear will be a move at the next World Zionist Congress to reduce funding for Israeli yeshivot.

The United Torah Coalition is described in a fund raising pamphlet as "the only voice in the World Zionist Congress that represents the hundreds of yeshivot and mosdot teaching authentic Torah Judaism."

The coalition, composed of Mizrachi, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, the National Council of Young Israel, Emunah Women of Canada, the Rabbinical Council of America and B'nai Akiva, is chaired by Kurt Rothschild. Executive director is Rabbi Menahem Gopin.

"We're very afraid that the same marginal groups within the Jewish community which succeeded in passing a resolution substantially reducing funding for Orthodox youth aliya will try to do the same thing at the World Zionist Congress through the Jewish Agency which controls funding for many of the yeshivot in Israel," says Gopin.

The coalition has prepared a pamphlet in which organizers ask: "How can $2 Save Hundreds Of Yeshivot?"

The answer, according to the literature, is to pay $2 to register to vote for delegates the Canadian Zionist Federation will send to the WZC in Jerusalem at the end of 1987.

The UTC is one of 15 constituent organizations of the CZF, which will send 19 delegates to the congress according to the percentage of votes each group gets.

The coalition, it is stated in the literature, "will insure a strong Canadian voice in the decision over how these funds will be spent. Your $2 can and will save our Yeshivot and Institutions.

"Without these funds they will cut back or, heaven forbid, be forced to close."

Though this is the first time there has been an actual coalition (because of the need for a broad base of support, says Gopin), in previous years the constituent groups received about 25% of the vote.

The rabbi, who is executive director of Mizrachi of Canada, notes that the Reform and Conservative movements are doing their own registration to sign up voters as well.

Kurt Rothschild

The UTC has received "support from coast to coast," in Canada, Gopin says. "I just returned from a cross-country trip and I was very warmly greeted," he adds.

Registration ends Feb. 27, says Gopin, and the final list of registrants comes out in April. Ballots will come out for the vote in May, and results should be known by June or July.

Those wishing to contact the United Torah Coalition should phone (416) 630-7575, or write it at 159 Almore Ave., Downsview, Ont. M3H 2H9.

Kadima starts members' drive

TORONTO —

Kadima, the Canadian Council of Reform Zionists, has embarked on an intensive membership drive to ensure a strong voice at the World Zionist Congress and religious pluralism in Israel.

"Until there is a clear indication by the leadership of Canadian Orthodoxy that it supports religious pluralism in Israel," writes Kadima president, Rabbi Dow Marmur in a recent newsletter, "Reform and Conservative Jews have no choice but to conclude that our Orthodox neighbors here seek our disenfranchisement in Israel.

"The existence of Kadima is one of several ways to make sure that they do not succeed."

Marmur says that if equity in funding and true partnership is to be achieved in Israel, the organization must increase its membership and political clout here.

That drive is necessary he states because ". . . unity is only possible as a pluralistic and equitable partnership between the different religious groups in the contemporary Jewish world."

The newsletter goes on to remind Kadima members of an "injustice" done to it four years ago which must not be repeated.

At that time, it was decided not to hold elections for the Zionist Congress and as a result only one Kadima representative was included in the Canadian delegation.

Rabbi Dow Marmur

"For the sake of democracy and truth it is imperative that elections be held this time," it is stated in the newsletter.

"Kadima, therefore, unequivocally repudiates the attempts that are apparently already being made, judging by recent press reports, to disenfranchise card-carrying Zionists in Canada by avoiding elections, using the argument of cost as an excuse."

The newsletter states that what is at stake is the way money given to Israel will be spent; and to guarantee a pluralistic Israel.

". . . If we really want to make sure that Orthodox institutions financed by Diaspora money do not destroy the fabric of Israeli society, we can actually do something about it — not by threats but by the democratic process given to us Diaspora Jews in our endeavor to be true partners with our brothers and sisters in Israel."

Among the other issues on the Kadima agenda are: continued opposition to changes in the Law of Return; sensitization of Israeli officials to the Reform point of view; to achieve deeper personal involvement with Israel, ". . . aliya has to be discussed and considered. . . ."

Ottawa sends duo to Israel, Egypt

By JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —

The department of external affairs is sponsoring a goodwill concert tour of Egypt and Israel by two Canadian chamber musicians through May and June.

Organizer Evelyn Greenberg, a music professor at the University of Ottawa, said she believes this is the first time the department has funded such a cultural event involving Israel and an Arab country.

The tour has been arranged in cooperation with the University of Ottawa music department, which is running a trip to Egypt and Israel May 20-June 8 concurrent with the concert tour.

The two young musicians are cellist Desmond Hoebig, a Vancouver native currently with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, and pianist Andrew Tunis of Ottawa. The latter will be accompanying Gov.-Gen. Jeanne Sauve on her trip to China in March, Greenberg said.

Both men are winners of the CBC Talent Festival and, as a duo, they won the Munich International Chamber Competition in 1984.

Their first performance will be May 29 aboard a cruise ship on the Nile, headed for Luxor. On May 30, the two will give a concert at the Cairo Symphony Hall, under the auspices of the Egyptian ministry of culture, and May 31 at the Antiquities Museum in Alexandria.

Canadian Ambassador Marc Perron will host the next performance at his official residence in Cairo June 1. Hoebig and Tunis will then give a series of concerts in Israel between June 4 and 14.

The Israeli venues include the prestigious Jerusalem International Festival in the suburb of Ein Kerem; the Beit Ariella Hall at the Tel Aviv Museum, under the patronage of Canadian Ambassador James Bartelman; Kfar Saba, near Beersheba; and Kibbutz Kfar Blum in Upper Galilee, which will be attended by Canadian members of the United Nations peacekeeping forces.

Greenberg noted that the musicians' performance will mark the first time in many years that there has been Canadian participation at the Jerusalem International Festival.

"The purpose of the tour is to try and build bridges through music — the international language," said Greenberg, who was the founding president of the Ottawa chapter of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation.

Although the CICF is not sponsoring this tour, it is in keeping with its goal of promoting peace through cultural exchanges, she said.

Greenberg said Hoebig and Tunis were selected because they are among "the foremost chamber musicians in Canada today." Tunis was once a student of Greenberg.

Prior to the tour's departure, Hoebig and Tunis will star in a gala concert at the University of Ottawa May 7, scheduled to be attended by both the Israeli and Egyptian ambassadors, as well as external affairs department officials.

Israel won't swap prisoners for hostages, Rabin declares

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin declared Sunday that Israel would have no part in ransoming four hostages — three Americans and an Indian national — kidnapped by Shiite extremists in Lebanon.

The kidnappers said the four would be killed unless Israel releases 400 Palestinian prisoners within one week and places them on a Red Cross plane for Damascus.

Rabin said Israel had received no formal demand from any group and that he had learned of the ultimatum from the media. He identified the kidnappers as the Hezbullah, a pro-Iranian Shiite group in Lebanon. Foreign media reports said the demand was made by a group calling itself the Islamic Jihad (holy war) for the Liberation of Palestine.

"Israel will not be the international bank of prisoners to which any terror group can apply for a price to be paid for hostages in their possession," Rabin said on an Army Radio interview.

Israeli sources said there has been no request from the U.S. for Israel to help obtain the release of the American hostages nor was any expected. One Israeli official who was not identified noted, "We have a position on principle that there should be no dealing with terrorists."

Israel also freed Shiite prisoners during and immediately after the hijacking of a TWA jetliner in Beirut in June 1985 but denied doing so under U.S. pressure.

Trade created precedent

Israel has established a precedent for negotiating with terrorist captors, exchanging 1,150 Arab prisoners for three Israeli soldiers in the spring of 1985.

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By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: I notice that at your synagogue it is the custom to have a new precentor take over the daily morning service at ashre . . . uva letzion goel. Is this not contrary to the Code, O.H. Chapter 55:3? — A Rabbinic Visitor.

Though our shamash, Mr. Eli Furman, may Hashem bless him with good health, does not have the title of ritual director, it is not my custom to disagree with the things he does. So, if he sends a new reader to lead the service at ashre and uva letzion goel, the appointment stands.

Rabbi Burak

Still, if he were in the wrong, I would not give him a free hand.

A look at the text you have cited is not amiss. Here is what the Rema says: "And if some left after the reader began to recite the Shemone Esreh aloud . . . (and with their departure, there is no quorum of 10 men) they have the right to complete the whole order of the Kedushah and to say the Kadish Shalem afterwards as it belongs to the tefillah, for we say 'tiskabel tzelos-hon'. . . ."

On the basis of this statement in the Code, you have a very good question. If these prayers belong to the 'Amidah, what right have we to send another reader to take over? Your question was so good that I presented it to the Beth Din during one of the weary hours of waiting for a get to be written, dried, and signed.

Rabbi Gershon Elisha Schochet shalita graciously set my mind at ease when he showed me that the Rogochover z.l. in his responsa Tzofnas Pa'aneach, volume 1, number 12, (New York, 1954 reprint) stated that a new man was sent to take over the service at ashre uva letzion in European congregations and he didn't find fault with it.

Again, as for the claim you made to me that this is not done in the congregations of the Sepharadim, Rabbi Schochet again set my mind at ease when he showed me that in the Pachad Yitzchak of Lampronti it is stated that the Sepharadim do send up a new man just for those prayers, and that they do it even on Saturday night. See the article on kaddish in Pachad Yitzchak, Lyck, 1874, 157A.

Now that one sees that this is not an American aberration, but rather that great European congregations have been doing this for hundreds of years, the question is all the more intriguing. How can they disregard this ruling in the Code which states that these prayers belong to the 'Amidah?

As you know, one is not permitted to talk during the 'Amidah. Now, if ashre and lamnatze-ach and uva letzion are really part of the 'Amidah, they should be guarded in the same way; you should not be permitted to say a single word after the 'Amidah, until you have said kaddish tiskabel. But, is that the rule? No!

In the Code, O.H. 132:1, the chapter whose title is The Laws of Kedushas Uva Letzion, both the Be'er Hetev and the Mishneh Berurah state this law: "If an announcement is to be made, let it be done before the chazzan starts ashre, and not between ashre and lamnatze-ach. . . ." Still, you see, announcements may be made before ashre. It's not the 'Amidah.

In most of the editions of the Code, this citation in the Be'er Hetev carries a notation that it is to be found in the Code, H.M. Chapter 262. This is an error that all the printers have slavishly followed, even in the Yeshiva edition of the Mishneh Merurah. The citation should read: Code H.M. Chapter 267:3, Sema 4.

The Sema says that "ashre, lamnatze-ach . . . are a separate matter, like ma'ariv to mincha." It's separate; then it deserves a separate chazzan.

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Resigned to protest Dulzin

Meet to resolve Avi-Hai's status

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Avraham Avi-Hai

TORONTO — Avraham Avi-Hai's final status within the Jewish Agency of Israel and the ramifications of his recently announced resignation as chairman of Keren Hayesod will be discussed at the Agency's executive meetings in Jerusalem later this month.

So said Phil Granovsky of Toronto, currently president of Keren Hayesod, who will be participating in the discussions.

Avi-Hai will resign Feb. 19 — when the meetings begin — to protest Leon Dulzin's continued chairmanship of the Jewish Agency in the wake of the "Bank Leumi affair." Bank Leumi is under the ultimate supervision of the Jewish Agency's leadership; Dulzin is its governor.

"Avi-Hai said Dulzin should resign from the Jewish Agency," Granovsky told The Canadian Jewish News. "Dulzin refused. Avi-Hai then asked fellow members on the Keren Hayesod executive to resign with him, but they all declined." (However, Dulzin is resigning as governor of the bank.)

Avi-Hai, a former Torontonian who has visited Canada often for Keren Hayesod functions, related the details to Granovsky by telephone from Israel.

Bank Leumi chairman and chief executive officer Ernest Japhet was forced to step down following an inquiry's discovery of a number of irregularities in the October 83 bank share scandal in Israel. Public outrage burst in Israel recently when the terms of his resignation were publicized. These included a U.S. $4.5 million severance payment and a monthly pension of $30,000. Dulzin's denial that he knew of these terms and may have helped formulate them is being contradicted by new evidence, The CJN was told.

Bank Leumi, Israel's leading commercial bank, is a semi-official institution, launched in 1902 as a subsidiary of the Jewish Colonial Trust to help finance Jewish settlement in the Holy Land.

Keren Hayesod is a partner with the World Zionist Organization in the Jerusalem-based Jewish Agency. Technically, Avi-Hai is resigning his executive seat on the WZO; his parallel position as Keren Hayesod chairman is automatically forfeited in the process, Granovsky explained. Avi-Hai has been on the WZO executive for the past eight years, said Granovsky.

Granovsky was chairman of Keren Hayesod in 1977, the only non-Israeli to fill the post.

Keren Hayesod oversees fund raising outside Israel (except in the U.S.) as the United Israel Appeal.

Anti-semitic vandalism drops; assaults, threats, unchanged

NEW YORK (JTA) — Acts of anti-semitic vandalism, including bombings and arson, directed against Jews, Jewish institutions and property totaled 594 across the United States in 1986 — a drop of 7% from the 638 incidents reported in 1985.

Assaults, harassments and threats against Jewish individuals and institutions showed virtually no change in 1986 — a total of 312 such incidents as against 306 reported in 1985.

These were the principal findings of the annual audit conducted by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and made public last week.

The survey described as "troubling" a rise in serious anti-semitic incidents on college campuses, up from 12 in 1985 to 19 in 1986.

According to Burton Levinson, ADL's national chairman, the overall 1986 figures reflect a general downward trend in anti-semitic incidents over the past five years which "in all likelihood is due to passage of anti-bias crime laws, more vigorous law enforcement and counteraction programs." In the past few years, 29 states have adopted stricter laws aimed at curbing ethnic vandalism, many of them based on ADL model legislation.

The ADL audits revealed that New York, with 186 vandalism incidents (down from 199 in 1985) led the nation, followed by Florida with 79 (up from 47 in 1985), California, 62 (down from 85) and New Jersey 48 (down from 74). Fifty-seven arrests were reported in connection with 33 vandalism incidents across the country compared to 78 arrested in 48 vandalism incidents the year before. As in past years, the overwhelming number of those arrested were in their teens.

Particularly noted was the fact that despite efforts by anti-semitic extremists to scapegoat Jews for the economic hardships of farmers, the number of vandalism incidents in the Midwest's major farm states remained low and showed no significant change.

The 19 anti-semitic incidents reported on college campuses included the vandalizing of succahs at four colleges, the defacement of Jewish student property, the painting of anti-semitic graffiti on campus buildings, and harassment of Jewish students stemming from friction with supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organization and other anti-Israel groups.

Noting that the anti-semitic incidents took place against a background of recent increases in racial incidents on campuses, the audit said that "any expression of prejudice or atmosphere of intolerance toward any minority at any education institution merits urgent action."

The ADL's survey, the eighth since 1979, was based on data reported in 33 states and the District of Columbia as gathered through the monitoring activities of the agency's 31 regional offices.

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Seeking names of students who complained

RCMP now probing Ross' classroom activities

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
It appears the RCMP have expanded their investigation of publisher Malcolm Ross to his schoolroom activities.

Last week, following an 18-minute broadcast on CBC's Sunday Morning current affairs radio show, an RCM Police investigator interviewed retired professor Julius Israeli requesting names of students who had complained about Ross' teaching.

The Sunday Morning broadcast by Roger Bill, the program's Atlantic producer, included comments by two former Ross students one of whom said: "He was a prejudiced guy. I found him to be very prejudiced.

"Talking about Jewish and Communism and that...there's always in his mind like he tried to sort of bring it out onto you, you know."

A second former student told Bill she would not allow her children to be taught by Ross. "He was a very domineering type person," she said. "Any points he expressed were very strong and...yeah, he was very strong."

Ross is a school teacher in Moncton who has taught for 17 years. He is also publisher of three books which claim the Holocaust never happened and that Jews are conspiring to undermine Western society.

He is currently the subject of a police investigation to determine whether charges for promoting hatred against Jews ought to be laid, based in part on a letter to a New Brunswick newspaper in which he expounded on his anti-Jewish views.

Israeli told The CJN that following the radio broadcast, he was interviewed by the RCMP who requested he provide the names of the former Ross students. Israeli said he had been interviewed by Bill prior to the program airing and had told him of the students who were eventually interviewed.

Moncton RCMP spokesman Al Aubie could neither confirm nor deny that the investigation is looking at Ross' classroom activities. "If our investigation leads in that direction, we'll look into it," he said. "We'll do a full investigation."

The claim that Ross was teaching his anti-Jewish opinions in class is not a new one, Israeli told The CJN. He had originally raised the complaint in December 1978 in a letter to New Brunswick's then minister of education.

When nothing came of that letter, Israeli took his information to the local school board, which, Israeli said, "decided not to do anything."

A complaint to the provincial Human Rights Commission also failed to get anywhere, Israeli said.

According to the Sunday Morning report, "a former member of the school board (said) several parents called her and complained about Malcolm Ross. But, she said they were afraid to put their complaints in writing."

Board members of the Magnetic Hill Junior High School last week voted to have a 3-member committee investigate Ross. The board had earlier stated Ross did not teach his views in class.

In other developments, New Brunswick Attorney-General David Clark came under increasing criticism for his handling of the Ross affair. Liberal justice critic Shirley Dysart said the government must stop avoiding the issue and should lay charges if the evidence supports it. She noted there was genuine concern that Ross was repeating his views in the classroom.

Moslem summit: "Liberate" Jerusalem

KUWAIT (AP) —
Leaders of the world's Moslem countries ended a 4-day summit here last week by reiterating support for the Palestinians in their quest for an independent homeland under the leadership of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

In another resolution, they called for collective Islamic action to "liberate" the Arab sector of Jerusalem seized by Israel.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia urged "redress for the rightful Palestinian cause.

"It is not merely an Arab-Israeli struggle," he said. "Rather, it is a case of a people unjustly expelled from their homeland."

Arab diplomats said Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Syrian President Hafez Assad met in an apparent step toward ending an 8-year estrangement over Egypt's peace treaty with Israel. However, Syrian and Egyptian officials later denied a meeting took place.

The 6-year-old Gulf War dominated talks, and non-Arab delegates to the 46-nation summit expressed frustration over the emphasis on Arab matters, conference sources said.

"This has turned into an Arab affair, and some African and Asian delegates are not happy with this," a conference source said.

In another development, Assad met for an hour with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel in a bid to improve relations strained by the unilateral abrogation by Christian militias of a peace agreement with Syria-backed Moslem forces. It was their first meeting in a year.

King Fahd praised Iraq for responding to mediation in the past couple of years and appealed to Iran to accept a negotiated settlement in the Gulf War.

"We are convinced that no one but the enemies of Islam can benefit from this bloodletting," the king said. "Any letup in our efforts to bring this war to an end could entail adverse consequences on our future."

The summit denounced the United States' "aggression" against Libya and demanded Washington pay compensation for the damage inflicted on the Libyan cities of Tripoli and Benghazi by a U.S. air raid last April 15.

The final session of the summit urged the Soviet Union to end its military presence in Afghanistan. Moscow moved troops into the Islamic Asian country in December 1979 to oversee a change in its Marxist government and help fight Moslem guerrillas.

Afghanistan is a member of the Organization of Islamic Conference, but its membership was suspended following the Soviet intervention. The only other member that did not attend the summit was Iran, which accused Kuwait of support for Iraq in the Persian Gulf war.

The resolution on Afghanistan noted that the Soviet military presence constituted a "major impediment" to good relations between Arabs and Moscow.

In a message to the summit at its opening session, the kremlin said it was prepared to withdraw its troops once a settlement is reached with the Afghan Moslem insurgents. According to Western estimates, the Soviet Union has about 115,000 troops in Afghanistan.

The rebels have said they will not stop fighting until the Soviet troops leave and the Marxist Afghan government is overthrown.

An Afghan rebel leader told the delegates that Organization of Islamic Conference members should sever relations with Moscow until all Soviet troops are withdrawn.

Ownership of valuable library

Ruling favors Lubavitchers

NEW YORK —
Lubavitcher chassidim danced in the streets last week after a court ruling on the ownership of a valuable Jewish library of more than 40,000 books and manuscripts.

A Federal District judge in Brooklyn rejected the claims of a grandson of a chassidic rabbi and awarded the library to the Lubavitch community, The New York Times reports.

"The conclusion is inescapable that the library was not held by the sixth Rebbe at his death as his personal property, but had been delivered to plaintiff to be held in trust for the benefit of the religious community of Chabbad chassidism," Judge Charles Sifton ruled.

The ruling was received with joy on the streets in front of the headquarters of the plaintiff, the Lubavitch movement, at 770 Eastern Parkway in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. Chassidic men danced in circles to the music of a klezmer band.

A lawyer for the defendant, Barry Gourary, said he planned to appeal the decision, The Times said.

The ruling capped an emotional legal battle that divided the family of the seventh and current Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, an uncle of Gourary.

Gourary, a 63-year-old management consultant from Montclair, NJ, claimed the library was the private property of his grandfather, Rabbi Joseph Schneerson, and was passed down — via his widow and his two daughters — to him.

The Lubavitch movement went into court to establish its claim of ownership after Gourary removed 400 of the books from the library at the Crown Heights headquarters, and began selling them to rare book dealers in Europe.

According to The Times, Gourary made $186,000 before he was enjoined by the courts from proceeding with the sales.

To a large extent, the decision turns on what the judge called "one extraordinary letter" from Rabbi Joseph Schneerson, the sixth rebbe, to an American scholar, Alexander Marks, the former head of the library at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

The letter was written in 1946 as part of the rabbi's effort to get the library out of Poland. The rabbi had fled the Nazis six years earlier and set up a new Lubavitch headquarters in Brooklyn.

"I turn to you with a great request," Schneerson wrote, "that as a renowned authority on the subject, you should please write a letter to the state department to testify on the great value of these manuscripts and books for the Jewish people in general and particularly for the Jewish community of the United States to whom this great possession belongs."

Lawyers for Gourary termed the letter as "duplicitous and of a piece with the wartime letters in German intended to be read by the Nazi censor," said the judge.

But Sifton rejected the argument. "Not only does the letter, even in translation, ring with feeling and sincerity," he wrote, "it does not make much sense that a man of the character of the sixth Rebbe would, in the circumstances, mean something different than what he says, that the library was to be delivered to plaintiff for the benefit of the community."

History prof. appointed Israel's envoy to Madrid

MADRID (JTA) —
Prof. Shlomo Ben-Ami, head of Tel Aviv University's School of History, has been designated to replace Samuel Hadass as Israel's ambassador to Spain. Hadass will be returning to Jerusalem as soon as his successor has been formally confirmed by the governments of Israel and Spain.

The new envoy, who is a Laborite and a friend of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, is a scholar of Iberian history, and has written and lectured extensively on the subject. Born in Tangiers, Morocco, in 1943, he has lived in Israel since 1955.

One of Ben-Ami's specialties has been the study of Spanish and Portuguese history and culture and he has lectured in this field in the United States, Mexico and Colombia.

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"Whatever steps are necessary"

Australia's Hawke promises action on Nazis

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Bob Hawke of Australia said here last week that his government is studying reports that many former Nazis and SS officials have found refuge in Australia.

The reports, submitted by Jewish groups, concern alleged Nazi war criminals who immigrated to Australia after World War II. "We will undertake whatever steps are necessary," Hawke told reporters.

The Australian leader was on a 3-day visit to Israel, the first ever by a prime minister of Australia. He arrived from Jordan where he had meetings with King Hussein.

At a dinner in his honor at the Knesset, Hawke called for Palestinian self-determination. However, he said he had the impression from his visit to Jordan that a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation was a widely supported solution to the Palestinian problem.

Hawke, who heads a Laborite government in Canberra, acknowledged that his views on the Palestinians are not generally shared by Israelis. He spoke of "difference among friends." He told the newspaper Davar that those differences did not cloud relations between Israel and Australia.

In fact, Hawke's remarks on the Palestinian issue were carefully worded and followed close consultations between his aides and the foreign ministry in Canberra. They also reflected his private conversation with President Chaim Herzog who urged his guest not to issue a direct call to Israel to support a Palestinian state, as apparently he intended to do originally.

Nevertheless, Hawke is regarded as a staunch friend of Israel. He was introduced in the Knesset by speaker Shlomo Hillel as a "longtime friend of the Jewish people and the State of Israel." Hillel also expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome Herzog received when he visited Australia last year.

Hawke had a private meeting with Premier Yitzhak Shamir. He reportedly stressed his impression that Jordan's King Hussein is earnestly seeking progress in the peace process "but needed the international umbrella" of a peace conference which would include the participation of the Soviet Union and the United States.

On the bilateral level, Shamir and Hawke agreed to establish a joint committee to promote trade between their countries and particularly to try to increase Israeli imports of Australian coal and exports of industrial goods to Australia. Figures released here by Israel's ministry of commerce and industry showed that Israel enjoyed a favorable balance of trade with Australia in 1986.

Israel's exports to Australia totaled $57 million against imports of $51 million. Exports to New Zealand totaled $5.7 million compared to only $500,000 of imports.

According to the report, Israel's exports to New Zealand grew by 17% last year but there was a 3% decline in exports to Australia. That was attributed to the decreased value of the Australian dollar against the U.S. dollar. Israeli exports to Australia include chemicals, irrigation equipment, medical supplies, and polished diamonds. Israel buys coal and wood from Australia.

Hawke, who was accompanied by his wife, Hazel, spent an hour at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial where they placed a wreath. The prime minister observed: "If anyone wants to understand the commitment of the Jewish people to the State of Israel and their commitment to ensuring that Israel will have the right to exist behind secure and recognized boundaries, one only has to come to the Yad Vashem to understand."

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NEW YORK (JTA) — The president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry said here recently he expects the government of Prime Minister Robert Hawke will take steps within two months to implement most of the recommendations of a recent probe into Nazi war criminals in Australia.

Speaking at a meeting of the American section of the World Jewish Congress, Leslie Caplan outlined the history of the war criminal issue in Australia.

In 1961 Australia's attorney-general flatly ruled out taking legal action against suspected Nazis, saying the matter should be laid to rest.

In June 1986, following more than a year of investigative reporting by the media disclosing the presence of accused war criminals in Australia, the government appointed Andrew Menzies, a retired government official, to investigate the matter.

But after decades of government inaction, the Jewish community remained skeptical. "Frankly, we feared a whitewash was being planned," Caplan said.

According to Caplan, Menzies' report is a landmark document "that endorses precisely what we had been calling for."

Among the recommendations: the government should establish a prosecution unit along the lines of the American Office of Special Investigations; and the 1945 War Crimes Act should be amended to switch jurisdiction from military to civil courts to deal with war criminals.

Menzies also confirmed allegations made in 1985 by the World Jewish Congress that requests by the U.S. justice department for information on suspected Nazis had been regularly refused by Australian officials.

Caplan added he anticipated swift action by the Hawke government implementing most, if not all, of Menzies' recommendations.

"Nuclear blackmail" danger cited

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Italian Defence Minister Giovani Spadolini warned here recently of the possibility of "nuclear blackmail" by terrorist groups.

Addressing faculty and guests at Tel Aviv University which awarded him an honorary degree, the Italian defence chief called for an international conference to include the two superpowers, the U.S. and USSR, to explore ways to fight international terrorism. The civilized world may not survive into the next century unless terrorism is stopped, he said.

Italian Defence Minister Giovani Spadolini (left) visited Israel recently where he was honored by Tel Aviv University. He is seen with Israel Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin at right. [IPPA photo]

Spadolini contended that nuclear blackmail is a potential threat because simplified nuclear technology is within the grasp of well organized terrorist groups.

"Considering that airplanes and cruise ships are a favorite target of terrorists, modern means of transportation are more dangerous than the roads of the late Middle Ages," the Italian minister said.

"Voltaire wrote in 1750 that what differentiates Europe from other continents is that diplomats can be sure of returning safely to their countries at the end of their mission. That is no longer true anywhere in the world," Spadolini maintained.

The Italian defence minister arrived here after visits to four Arab countries where, he said, he gained the impression that there is a growing interest among moderate Arab leaders in an international conference for peace in the Middle East. Spadolini visited Jordan, Egypt, Morocco and Saudi Arabia before coming to Israel.

He made a similar statement later after a 90-minute meeting with six Palestinian leaders — three from the West Bank and three from the Gaza Strip. They met at the Italian consulate in West Jerusalem.

Spadolini said they had discussed the need for an international conference on Middle East peace with the participation of the major powers and all parties concerned. He said most of the Palestinians favored negotiations for Palestinian autonomy to go hand-in-hand with security for Israel. They stressed the need for the Israel administered territories to confederate with Jordan.

The Palestinians attending the meeting all stressed that the Palestine Liberation Organization was the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Spadolini, in statements to reporters on his arrival in Israel, stressed that he was not trying to be a mediator between Israel and the Arab states and was carrying no messages to the Israel government from any Arab leader. He said he gained the impression that the latter are interested in a peace conference from hours of conversation but not from any specific statements.

Spadolini called on President Chaim Herzog to discuss Middle East problems and bilateral relations between Italy and Israel. He also met with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres who was in Italy recently and with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

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ROME (JTA) — **Italy and Israel signed an agreement here last week for the joint promotion of tourism between the two countries and to each of them from North America and other areas of the world. Both countries have suffered a slump in tourism over the past year.**

The agreement, signed by Israel's minister of tourism Avraham Sharir and his Italian counterpart, Nicola Capria, contains a strong condemnation of terrorism. Terrorist acts in the Mediterranean area, particularly the hijacking of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in 1985, is considered responsible in large measure for the lag in tourist traffic.

The agreement provides for the tourism ministries of both countries to create vacation packages that include stopovers in Rome and Jerusalem. The ministries will try to arrange direct flights between Milan and Tel Aviv by Alitalia and El Al, the national airlines of Italy and Israel, respectively. Sharir signed a similar agreement recently with Greece.

Sharir has also discussed tourism with Vatican officials. They spoke at length about encouraging Christian pilgrimages to Israel and how the churches can publicize such trips. Sharir also met with regional representatives from Naples, Sorrento and Positano who expressed interest in tour packages.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

"This month shall be at the head of all your months," God tells Moses and the Jews in Exodus 12:2. Parshat Bo (Exodus 10.1-13.6) read in synagogue this Saturday signals not only the Jews' impending freedom from Egyptian slavery but from the bondage of time as well.

This, the first mitzvah communicated to the people of Israel as a whole launched the unique Jewish calendar that has been determined annually ever since. Jewish tradition describes it as a form of partnership. Nature's yearly cycle, demarcated by the solar year, and the 7-day week, are determined by God. The lunar calendar, regulating observances and festivals, is fixed by man. Synchronizing these systems has been a Jewish concern.

For nearly 1,500 years, determination of the lunar calendar was based on direct observation. Witnesses reported the new moon at the expected time to a council of sages, later to the Sanhedrin or Supreme Court of Jerusalem. The witnesses' account was thoroughly questioned and matched to charts before it was officially verified and promulgated, with fire signals and messengers, as launching the first day of that month. National observances for the upcoming 30- (or 29-) day period were then counted off.

Agricultural cycle

The farflung Jewish dispersion, and Samaritan and Roman subversion within the Holy Land, induced sage Hillel II to reluctantly replace the methods of direct observation with a constant calendar, in the mid-4th century of the common era. The Sanhedrin had possessed the astronomical expertise for the abstract determination of the lunar year for hundreds of years by then. (The accuracy of its calculation of the solar year was exceeded only by modern astronomers.)

The Torah ordains the observance of Passover, Shavuoth, and Succoth by their months. The fact that these religious festivals also celebrate stages in the Holy Land's agricultural cycle means they must be coordinated with the solar year. Judaism accommodates the solar year's excess of some 11 days over a 12-month lunar year through the periodic intercalation of an extra lunar month. A 19-year cycle was evolved, with Adar II added in the years 3, 6, 8, 11, 14, 17, and 19. By contrast, the ancient Egyptian solar calendar was divided into 12 equal periods of 30 days each; the five and a fraction remaining days were apparently disregarded. The lunar Moslem year may host the same festival at any point in the solar year.

Valued

The mean lunar month is 29 days, 12 hours and 44 minutes long. The year by year choice of designating approaching months as 29 or 30 days provides more flexibility. The latter, however, is expended in accommodating additional strictures. For example: Yom Kippur is not allowed to fall on a Friday or Sunday; this and astronomical considerations can defer the observance of Rosh Hashanah, the first day of Tishrei, to two days after the molad (birth) of the month. There are many more refinements and complexities.

The process has given birth to many religious and philosophical conclusions.

The talmudic era's Midrash Tanchuma likens God's bestowal upon Israel of the determination of the months to a king giving his son a valued timepiece upon reaching maturity.

God tells the angels that henceforth Heaven will accept whatever Israel decides in scheduling the leap years, suggests the venerable Midrash Shemot Rabba. Another of its 25 interpretations on the verse has God saying to Israel: "Formerly, I controlled the times . . . but now it is all in your hands. Whatever you say goes."

Yeshiva University's Rabbi Joseph Soleveitchik sees the waning of the moon as an opportunity God granted man to participate in Creation, a constant process. Halacha depicts time as a cyclical process offering joy and redemption at every point, not as a 1-way ebbing into death.

The Jewish attitude has lighter applications. Observed one sage recently on finding himself alone at the starting time of a communal event: "Just as the year is a convenant between man and God, so is the appointed time of a meeting determined by both host and guest."

Promise of help from Soviet officials

Ioffe "interrupts" hunger strike

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —
Refusenik Alex Ioffe has "interrupted" his hunger strike after losing 19 pounds in 19 days on a water-only diet, according to word received here.

In the wake of a telephone call from Georgyi Scriavin, the chief secretary of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, the 48-year-old mathematician told Martin Penn, director of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry in Montreal, on Jan. 27 that he had called a temporary halt to his strike.

During the course of a 20-minute conversation the previous day with the highly placed official in the prestigious institute, Ioffe said he was told that Scriavin and president Guryi Marchuk will help his son Dimitry, daughter-in-law Tanya and baby daughter Ilana obtain exit visas to Israel.

"Scriavin told Ioffe that he is 100% sure 'that this case has been practically resolved'," Penn said. "He also told him 'Your case will also be considered and we will also be involved.'"

Dimitry received a phone call Jan. 28 to go to the OVIR office (the Soviet emigration office) but when he got there, he was told by an official there was no new information and no change in his status.

When he returned home, Ioffe called Scriavin again. He told Penn, who placed the call from MP Bill Attewell's office on Parliament Hill, that "he knows that Dimitry's case has been solved — that a positive solution has been taken."

Ioffe quoted him as saying, "I know you stopped the hunger strike because of what I told you and I am going to follow up on this case."

The Refusenik told Penn that shortly after this call, Dimitry received another call from the OVIR office asking him to come in Jan. 29 to clarify some points.

Ioffe told Penn shortly after this visit that Dimitry and his mother Rosa were told by a Mr. Luzinovich, the deputy head of the national OVIR office, that "the question of an exit visa has not yet been solved but may be shortly."

The Refusenik said he added that they (the Soviets) "are inclined to solve the case positively" and then added that "it is important for you to behave properly."

Luzinovich said a positive decision will be taken but "it takes time."

Ioffe told Penn such action "is just primitive blackmail."

He tried to call Scriavin but was told he was unavailable until Monday.

When Penn asked him what he planned to do, Ioffe said he would take a wait-and-see attitude for a few days but that he is "ready to resume his hunger strike if there is a need for it."

Penn said Ioffe asked that his friends in the scientific community contact Guryi Marchuk directly about his cause.

"He told me that 'If the situation is not resolved soon, scientists will know that this is a devious trick calculated to coincide with the Central Committee plenary.'"

Penn said he "was extremely disappointed that in a time when Soviet authorities are alleging new openness to find officials once again playing with human lives and engaging in the petty bureaucratic games.

"I told Ioffe we had made a commitment to him and that we will continue our campaign across Canada until he and his entire family are released."

Ioffe, a Refusenik for 10 years, began his hunger strike on Jan 8. The strike, instigated by the refusal of an exit visa for his son Dimitry, 24, daughter-in-law Tatyana, 23, and baby granddaughter Ilana, is to challenge the real intent of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's new open policy and the USSR's emigration laws which came into effect Jan. 1.

Three days prior to Scriavin's initial call, Ioffe had been called to the OVIR office and told by officials that there was no reason to change his status or that of his son.

Penn attributes the complete turnaround to the intervention of the academy, which was sent a telegram by several mathematicians at the University of Toronto.

"It's obvious that senior officials there are in a position to help Ioffe. They can make changes which stymie local bureaucrats."

Canadians from across the country, representing all walks of life and religions, have rallied to Ioffe's support.

Ben Prossin, newly appointed director of the Toronto Region's Committee for Soviet Jewry, said that in just a short amount of time a lot of action has taken place.

In excess of 40 members of the Ontario Legislature signed their names to a petition, coordinated by the three chairmen — Steven Offer, Marion Bryden and Don Cousens — of the Ontario Legislature's Committee for Soviet Jewry. This was sent to the Soviet ambassador in Ottawa and Gorbachev.

Not just Jewish issue

As well, other telegrams and letters were sent. He cited in particular the Toronto Inter-Faith Council for Soviet Jewry, which not only sent letters to both Soviet officials but one as well to Joe Clark requesting that he ask the Canadian embassy in Ottawa to monitor Ioffe's condition. This has been done.

"People were interested especially in light of his purpose. As a father, he was pleading not for himself but for his son to be given a chance for a new life in Israel. He was making the sacrifice for his son."

Prossin said the Inter-Faith Council, particularly the work of co-chairmen Marsha Slavens and Wendy Litwack, has made Jews and non-Jews aware of what the situation is in the Soviet Union.

"The outcome of this work is that we have friends in the non-Jewish community. The response particularly from the clergy and politicians has been quite sympathetic," he said.

"People are saying human rights are human rights and Jews should not be denied them," he added. "It's not just a Jewish issue and many non-Jews are prepared to join the stuggle for human rights."

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Soviet cancer patient Lea Mariasin is expected to arrive this week at Mirabel Airport in Montreal.

Dr. Gerald Batist of Montreal, co-founder of the International Cancer Patient Solitarity Committee, said the Refusenik, accompanied by her husband Alexander and daughter Faina, would then proceed to Toronto to join her sister and brother-in-law, Mara and Eugene Katz.

Another Mariasin daughter, Rita Yoresh, has lived in Israel since 1972.

Mariasin, 61, is a 16-year Refusenik from Riga and suffers from multiple myeloma.

She was one of six Soviet cancer patients who were members of the cancer patients committee. Three are already receiving treatment in the West — Rima Brave, Tanya Bogomolny and Inna Meiman — while two remain in the Soviet Union — Benjamin Charney and Yuri Schpeizman.

Slow changes

JERUSALEM (JTA) —
John Cardinal O'Connor, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, said last week that his recent visit to Israel would bring about changes in relations between Israel and the Vatican. But he cautioned that they would be slow in coming.

In a Voice of Israel Radio interview from New York, O'Connor said the Vatican was moving in the right direction with respect to Israel but noted that changes in Vatican policy were historically very slow.

O'Connor's 5-day visit here last month was fraught with controversy and embarrassment because the Vatican, which has no diplomatic relations with Israel, does not recognize the status of Jerusalem as its capital. As a result, O'Connor was forced to cancel meetings he had scheduled with Israeli leaders at their Jerusalem offices.

He did, however, meet with President Chaim Herzog and Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at their respective residences.

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Editorial

Fighting ugliness

Asked recently to comment on the tactics of those who deny the Holocaust, Elie Wiesel replied: "I know how to fight injustice but I do not know how to fight ugliness."

That ugliness comes to mind now with the ruling handed down recently by the Ontario Court of Appeal quashing the conviction of Ernst Zundel.

While not invalidating the law under which he was convicted (section 177 of the Criminal Code), the learned judges found that there were certain errors in the conduct of the trial.

Those errors revolved around the admissibility of certain evidence, the jury selection procedure and the charge to the jury.

The Ontario Court of Appeal is not an infallible agency and it is our considered opinion that the members of the court themselves erred in the ruling. The Zundel trial provided the defendant ample opportunity to present his case.

The evidence presented by the Crown regarding the criminal culpability of the defendant was so overwhelming that a jury of ordinary Canadians had no choice but to convict him after a 7-week trial.

There seems little doubt that a new trial would result in exactly the same verdict.

To entertain that idea, however, is also to realize that Zundel would use the opportunity of a new trial to turn the court into a circus where he would parade his lunatic witnesses, convicted racists and other assorted crazies in order to sully the memory of the martyred millions.

On being released on bail last week, Zundel announced his next trial (if one is held) will be longer, with witnesses coming from "the far corners of the earth."

This is a prospect which the Jewish community cannot view with favor.

Accordingly, the Crown ought to follow through on its option of appealing to the Supreme Court of Canada. Should the High Court reinstate the guilty verdict, Zundel would be denied the opportunity to advertise his odious and mendacious statements about the Holocaust, saving the citizens of Ontario the outlay of time, money and energy which would be required to mount a new trial.

Fodder for thugs

One of the least surprising developments in the past week is that there have been kidnappings of Westerners in Beirut. The pattern is an old one and has been honed to evil perfection by the Arab terrorists who are its expert practitioners.

We have long ceased to be surprised by this tactic, nor by the daily violence and acts of anarchy which are part and parcel of what passes for life's rhythms in that tormented city.

While we can, of course, sympathize with the plight of those who have had the misfortune to become pawns in the hands of terrorists, we cannot at the same time accept the circumstances which led to their abduction.

We are also very uneasy with the readiness of certain governments in the West, including the United States and France, to bargain with the terrorists.

Any individual who willingly settles in Beirut or who visits the city on business cannot be so naive as to be ignorant of the dangers which exist there insofar as foreigners are concerned.

In fact, any Westerner who inhabits an Arab capital with a terrorist presence should know that he is fair game for the thugs associated with the PLO, the PFLP, the Hizbullah, and the half-dozen other Arab extremist organizations.

It has been said that those Americans and other foreigners who live in Beirut and in other Arab capitals do so out of commitment towards the institutions they serve and affection for the people with whom they have lived.

These are admirable traits but they do not replace the kind of good sense that is necessary to preserve one's life in the turbulent Arab world.

Let the word go out that those who choose to live life dangerously in Beirut or any other centre of violence do so at their own risk and that part of that risk involves the forfeiture of rights to redress in the case of hostage-takings or kidnappings.

Seek to make impression on W. Germans

Neo-Nazis resort to violence

Masked West German youth, dressed up in military outfits of ultra-right wing groups, give a Nazi salute at a rally in Mainz marking the 50th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's takeover of Germany.

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Government officials in West Germany whose job it is to monitor right-wing extremism, including neo-Nazism, usually dismiss it as a minor phenomenon. In strictly numerical terms, they're right. Total membership in 1985 was only 22,000 — a small, though troubling, figure for a nation whose population is approaching 70 million.

Furthermore, radical rightists have fared poorly in federal elections. In last week's national election, they failed to win a single seat. However, they have won seats in provincial legislatures.

Having been all but checked at the polls, the extremists — notably neo-Nazis — have resorted to sheer violence to make an impression on the public.

The first organized terrorist operation by neo-Nazis took place in September of 1980 at the Munich Oktoberfest. Several months later, neo-Nazis killed a Jewish publisher — Shlomo Levin — and his German girlfriend, Frida Poschke. Since then, they have committed more than 200 serious crimes, which include physical attacks against Asians and Jewish property, and the bombings of U.S. military installations in West Germany.

Diverges "significantly" from national socialism

German neo-Nazism diverges "significantly" from the national socialism espoused by Hitler, writes Bruce Hoffman in a research report for the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London.

The new hybrid, far from considering Adolf Hitler as the only Nazi icon, regards Gregor Strasser and Ernst Rohm as the "father figures" of the movement. Strasser and Rohm, two of Hitler's earliest followers, were on the left of the Nazi Party, having favored the nationalization of industry, banks, the stock exchange and the large landed estates.

The new Nazis speak a "revolutionary" and "anti-imperialist" language, and they seek to capture the middle ground between fascism and communism in their quest to establish what some observers think would be an authoritarian state based on non-Marxist socialism.

The three most active neo-Nazi organizations are the German Action Groups, founded by Manfred Roeder; the Hoffmann Military Sport Group, led by Karl-Heinz Hoffmann; and the Popular Socialist Movement of Germany — Party of Labor, formed by Friedhelm Busse.

All three of their leaders are in prison, having been convicted of various crimes.

Leaderless though they may be, these organizations still exist and are in fighting form. Bruce Hoffman says they have "lost none of their fervor" and should not be underestimated.

THE ONE WHO GOT AWAY

Walter Kutschmann eluded the long arm of justice.

During World War II, as a member of the SS, he took part in atrocities against Russian Jews in the towns of Tarnapol and Drohobocyz. West German court records say that he directly ordered and supervised the execution of 500 Jews. Over 400,000 Jews were exterminated in the area where Kutschmann operated.

The son of a dentist, he was born in Dresden in 1914. As a young man, he went to Spain and fought on Franco's side during the civil war. Leaving Spain in 1939 with a medal in hand, he returned to Germany. After a brief stint with the Gestapo, he joined the SS.

Kutschmann, the subject of a profile in the January edition of The Jewish Monthly, fled to Spain in 1945. With the help of his friends there, he obtained false identity papers under the name of Pedro Ricardo Olmo Andres, and made his way to Argentina.

In 1975, Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal exposed him, and after admitting his real identity, Kutschmann was fired by the German multionational light bulb company that employed him.

Despite these developments, neither Argentine courts nor police took any action against him. The West German government, however, informed Argentina that it would request his extradition if his citizenship was revoked.

Two judicial proceedings got underway — one to legally prove his identity and strip him of his citizenship, and another to have him extradited.

Kutschmann was eventually jailed, but his fraudulently obtained citizenship prevented his extradition. On Aug. 30, 1986, he died of a heart attack. He was buried under his pseudonym.

Another Nazi had died with impunity in Argentina, a notorious haven for Nazis.

NAZI DOCTORS

As Robert Jay Lifton aptly observes in *The Nazi Doctors (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $29.95)*, "nothing is darker or more menacing, or harder to accept, than the participation of physicians in mass murder."

Yet this is what happened in German hospitals and in Polish concentration camps in the 1930s and 1940s. German doctors, trained at some of the finest medical schools in the world, took part in Hitler's euthanasia programs and in his ruthless, insane campaign to rid Europe of its Jews.

It is estimated that about 100,000 mentally defective Germans were killed through euthanasia. Before that, the Nazi regime sterilized "life unworthy of life" — Germans suffering from feeble-mindedness, schizophrenia, manic depression, epilepsy, hereditary deafness and blindness, grave bodily malformation and Huntington's brain disorder.

In Auschwitz, Nazi doctors presided over the deaths of the majority of the 1 million victims who perished there. Doctors performed selections and supervised the killings in the gas chambers and in the medical blocks.

"Given much of responsibility for murderous ecology"

"In sum, we may say that doctors were given much of the responsibility for the murderous ecology of Auschwitz — the choosing of victims, the carrying through of the physical and psychological mechanics of killing, and the balancing of killing and work functions in the camp," says Lifton, a Yale University psychologist who interviewed some of the doctors who lent themselves to these gruesome tasks.

In compiling his insightful book, Lifton interviewed three sets of people: 28 doctors and one pharmacist, 12 former Nazi non-medical functionaries, and 80 former Auschwitz prisoners who had labored on medical blocks.

The research phase, he freely acknowledges, was difficult. "I never quite got over the sense of strangeness I experienced at sitting face to face with men I considered to be on the opposite side of the victimizing barricade, so to speak," he writes.

According to Lifton, three types of doctors were found in camps like Auschwitz — zealots who participated eagerly in the Final Solution, those who went about their work methodically, and those who did so reluctantly. In any event, SS doctors, he adds, tended to be "medically undistinguished, strong in their Nazi ties and personally self-aggrandizing."

The most fanatical Nazi doctors, such as one Fritz Klein, had no trouble reconciling the Hippocratic oath with mass murder. As he put it: "Of course I am a doctor and I want to preserve life. And out of respect for human life, I would remove a gangrenous appendix from a diseased body. The Jew is the gangrenous appendix in the body of mankind."

With such forms of lower life at their beck and call, it is no wonder that Hitler almost succeeded in wiping out European Jewry.

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Opinion

Will oversee projects encouraging peace among Jews

CRB Foundation's Cohen aims for "ahavat Yisrael"

By
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MONTREAL —

When Stephen Cohen left Montreal over 20 years ago, the province was in the midst of what became known as the Quiet Revolution, a period of major social and political change in Quebec society.

Students of that day, like Cohen, were engaged in debates over this process of modernization, which was marked by a rejection of the traditional power of the Roman Catholic Church and of autocratic government.

Cohen, the president of the new CRB (for Charles Rosner Bronfman) Foundation, has returned from the United States, where he had lived since 1966, to a very different Quebec — but a Canada which poses no fewer challenges.

This is a position that should allow him to put to use the diplomatic skills and fascination with current events that he exhibited back then and which were fully developed while an academic, first at Harvard and then at City University of New York.

Cohen, as a student at McGill University and president of its Hillel Jewish Students Society in the 60s, organized dialogues between Jewish students and their French-Canadian counterparts at the University of Montreal on their common concerns.

A decade later, as founder/director of the Institute for Middle East Peace and Development, Cohen was playing a behind-the-scenes role in getting Jews and Arabs to talk to one another. Now, as the top professional of the CRB Foundation, he will be overseeing projects encouraging Jews themselves, both in the Diaspora and Israel, to set aside their differences and strive for "mutual respect, cooperation and ahavat Yisrael, the love of all Jews."

The CRB Foundation, officially announced in December, is equally concerned with "the enhancement of Canadianism" — a sense of belonging to and shared purpose in this country among all Canadians.

How these lofty goals will be achieved will be better understood when the foundation announces in February the projects it will fund for the current year. The foundation was described by Bronfman as one of the five largest in Canada and able to distribute approximately $4 million in its first year.

What makes the foundation different from others which support worthy endeavors, Cohen said, is that its main role is to initiate projects and then find the right people to carry them out, rather than passively wait for applications for funds, although this is a minor aspect of its work.

The foundation states its role as follows: "Independent initiatives are needed that address both the Canadian and Jewish futures without institutional constraints and partisan biases. Individual acts of charity abound, yet it is rare that such giving is part of planned, coordinated and sustained efforts...The CRB Foundation will convene a wide array of talented individuals to address vital issues and develop long term perspectives. It will direct itself to problem solving rather than bricks and mortar, and to project innovation rather than program maintenance.

Stephen Cohen

Charles Bronfman

"The CRB Foundation hopes to become a catalyst in stimulating a new generation of leaders toward creative responses to the challenges facing both Canadian society and the Jewish world."

Among the lengthy list of people from diverse backgrounds consulted over the past year about what direction the foundation should take were: novelist Margaret Atwood; Yossi Beilin, director-general of the Israeli ministry of foreign affairs; Richard Cashin, president of the Newfoundland Fishermen's Food and Allied Workers Union; Tom Dine, executive director of the America-Israel Public Affairs Committee; John Evans, a Toronto business executive and board member of the Rockefeller Foundation; Allan Gregg, president of the polling company Decima Inc.; film director Norman Jewison; U.S. Congressman Mel Levine; Reynold Levy, president of the AT&T Foundation; and Sam Norich, executive director of the YIVO Institute in New York.

At the news conference in December, Bronfman said: "This is one of the happiest days of my life. I've dreamed of establishing such a foundation for maybe 10 or 20 years," adding later, "I love this country and its people and the Jewish people. I think we can do something positive for people in every part of this land and for the Jewish people everywhere."

According to Cohen, Bronfman believes polarizations in the Jewish world have reached a "very serious point" and Canadians just don't have enough pride in what they are.

He recalled that when Bronfman, whom he had never met before, approached him in the summer of 1985 with his idea of creating an "active and dynamic" foundation, "it seemed to me like an important departure in Jewish life...a long shot, but the chance of a lifetime."

Cohen, who was busily engaged with his institute's work and not looking for a career change, said he was eventually swayed by "both the nature of the challenge and by the nature of the person, Charles himself."

It was Cohen who persuaded Tom Axworthy, Pierre Trudeau's principal secretary when he was Prime Minister, and Lise Bissonnette, former editor of the influential daily Le Devoir, to join the foundation's senior staff, specializing in its Canadian program.

"When I came back, I started to read widely about Canada. These were the two people who very much impressed me. Tom Axworthy (who is the foundation's vice-president) shares many of my values about the future of Canada, about human rights in the international context, about a multicultural Canada, about bold initiatives to make Canada a positive competitor on the international economic scene and to assist in fashioning a greater role for Canada in international peace and human rights."

And Bissonnette seemed to Cohen "the most articulate, cosmopolitan voice of the new Quebec." The combination of individuals from three cultures, Cohen feels, makes the foundation "from the outset, an exciting development in Canadian society."

Other senior staff are special assistant Aryeh Meir, a Conservative rabbi, who was previously associated with a child guidance clinic in Philadelphia and considered to be knowledgeable on Israel-Diaspora relations, and grants administrator Peggy Brill, who is a former program specialist for the American Jewish Committee. All work in the foundation's office in the Seagram Building.

The foundation's grants administrator in Israel is Janet Aviad, a Hebrew University professor, "with an incredible network of contacts in Israel which guarantees that we will not fall into the typical trap of relating to Israel only through the thinnest layer of its society."

The only hints Cohen gave on the nature of the projects to be announced this month are that, those on the Jewish side involve "major cultural exchange programs" between the Diaspora and Israel, another to examine Israel's economy and something related to Jewish journalism.

These projects were already firmed up well before the foundation was publicly announced, Cohen said. The foundation has, nevertheless, been "flooded" with unsolicited proposals over the past year which will be evaluated for possible grants.

The establishment of the foundation has generated "a lot of interest and positive curiosity" in Israel and the Jewish world, according to Cohen.

Although distinct, the Canadian and Jewish programs may in time reinforce each other by borrowing applicable ideas. Collaboration is also sought with other public and private bodies.

Born in Montreal in 1945, Cohen grew up in Outremont and attended the Adath Israel Jewish day school, affiliated with an Orthodox synagogue. His mother Eva, who was active with Mizrachi, and father Harry, who was a small businessman born in Lithuania, still live in Montreal.

After graduating from McGill (his thesis was on bilingualism), Cohen went to Harvard to complete a Master's degree and doctorate in social psychology. He then became a faculty member of the social relations department and a fellow of the Center for International Affairs, with which Axworthy was asssociated before coming to the foundation.

While living in Cambridge, Mass., Cohen founded a Jewish newspaper, Genesis II, which he called "the first and most successful of a spate" of independent Jewish papers launched in the late 60s and early 70s. It was the continuation of an interest in journalism which began with writing editorials for the McGill Daily and the now defunct Other Stand and later for Harvard's Jewish magazine, Mosaic.

Cohen and his wife, the former Elaine Shizgal, also a native Montrealer, were active in the early 70s in the chavurah movement, "an attempt to bring Judaism and modern consciousness into greater interaction." Adherents studied primary Jewish texts and prayed in small groups.

The Cohens gained some fame for writing a naming ceremony for Jewish baby girls for the Shabbat morning service after the birth of their first daughter, Tamara, now 15. They have two other daughters, Ayelet, 12, and Maya, 7.

After 10 years at Harvard, Cohen was a visiting Lady Davis fellow at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He returned to City University of New York's graduate school, where he founded the Institute for Middle East Peace and Development.

Its purpose was to foster peaceful relations between Arabs and Jews, by gathering together a wide variety of individuals from different countries, as well as through research and study.

The institute grew out of Cohen's personal relationships with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and some of his top advisors. Soon after the Yom Kippur War, Cohen, while still at Harvard, took it upon himself to find Diaspora Jews, committed to Israel, willing to reach out to their counterparts in the Arab world in common search for peace. He also took his mission into other Arab countries, besides Egypt, but would not elaborate.

"I met Sadat many times, face to face, in Egypt and elsewhere," Cohen said. While Cohen avoids taking any credit for bringing about Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem, he notes two significant events that took place the year before, which may have expedited the whole process.

Cohen was invited to speak at the Al Ahram Institue for Political and Strategic Studies in Cairo, an influential body in the formulation of foreign policy, on the impact an Egyptian peace initiative might have; and a long discussion between he and some of the architects of the eventual initiative was published verbatim by the Egyptians.

"Thus, when Sadat came to Jerusalem in November, 1977, I was more prepared for it than most other people and was able to be helpful to both the Egyptian and Israeli sides in informal discussions that facilitated the formal process."

The Institute for Middle East Peace and Development sponsored joint research by Israeli, Egyptian and Palestinian social scientists on understanding the Middle East conflict and overcoming barriers to peace. It also spawned a group of prominent Arab and Jewish businessmen, from both the Middle East and their respective diasporas, who sought to develop economic and social projects in the region which would be examples of the cooperation their peoples could achieve.

Among the Jews participating were Lester Crown, executive vice-president of General Dynamics, and Howard Squadron, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations. Najeeb Halaby, former president of Pan American World Airways and father of Queen Noor, wife of Jordan's King Hussein, and Zahi Khoury, president of Gentrol Corp., affiliated with a large Saudi Arabian business group, were two Arabs.

Both the Institute and its business group continue to function, Cohen said.

Lincoln: "Both steel and velvet"

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Twenty-nine yers ago, on the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday, (Feb. 12) Carl Sandburg, his biographer, delivered a memorable address before a joint session of the United States Congress.

He summed up the life and achievements of the Great Emancipator in this way: "Not often in the story of mankind does a man arrive on earth who is both steel and velvet, who is hard as rock and soft as drifting fog, who holds in his heart and mind the paradox of terrible storm, and peace unspeakable and perfect. Here and there across centuries come reports of men alleged to have these contrasts. And the incomparable Lincoln is an approach if not a perfect realization of this character."

H. G. Wells considered Lincoln one of the six greatest figures in modern history. The poet and playwright Mark Van Doran wrote: "To me, he seems, in some ways, the most interesting man who ever lived. He was gentle but this gentleness was combined with a terrific toughness, an iron strength."

What seems of enduring meaning and value in Lincoln's personality for the modern sensibility are his gifts of tolerance and compassion.

One of the political groups in his day, the Know-Nothing Party, was founded on religious intolerance, and its handmaiden, racial hatred. Lincoln wrote: "I am not a Know-Nothing; that is certain. How could I be? How can any one who abhors the oppression of Negroes be in favor of degrading classes of White people? Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid. As a nation we began by declaring that 'all men are created equal.' We now practically read it 'all men are created equal except Negroes.' When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read, 'all men are created equal except Negroes, foreigners and Catholics.' "

Lincoln's tolerance reaches its acme in his relation to the sectional differences which perplexed his whole public career. Born in the South, reared in the West, elected by the North, Lincoln felt himself to be President of the whole United States, and insisted that it was "easier for friends to make laws than it was for enemies to make treaties."

What would have been the policy of reconstruction if Lincoln had been permitted to live is sheer conjecture. But, without question, it would not have had the rigors and horrors which were made possible by his assassination.

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Despite Canada's population of only about 3 million, 50,000 of her sons served as volunteers under the banners of Lincoln's Northern armies; 18,000 died on behalf of the Union cause.

At one point during the war when it seemed as if relations between the U.S. and Great Britain might lead to hostilities because of a maritime incident in which a British Royal Mail packet was halted by an American naval vessel and two London-bound Confederate agents forcibly removed, the Canadian volunteers were understandably perturbed.

They sent a delegation to the President and appointed a 16-year-old Ontario boy as their spokesman. He addressed the President as follows: "We represent fifty thousand Canadians who are fighting in your army. We believe in your cause and we took the oath of allegiance. We believe our record will compare favorably with that of any of your forces. But we are Canadians, born and bred, and a part of Britain, and we wish to tell you, in a most respectful way, that we did not enlist to fight our mother country."

The President answered in these words: "Mr. Wolverton, I want you to go back to your boys and tell them that Abraham Lincoln appreciates the value of their services, and that as long as he is President, the United States of America will not declare war on Britain."

The vexing dispute was eventually settled and the Canadians fought and died on American battlefields, assured that their loyalty to the mother country was in no way diminished.

Opinion

Defensive training getting top priority

Israel busy preparing against chemical warfare

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

In the gruesome history of modern warfare, April 22, 1915 is a seminal date. For on that day, during the second battle of Ypres, chemical weapons were used for the first time when the German army released 168 tons of chlorine gas.

The effect was immediate and devastating, as British troops fell like flies. By way of retalation, Britain deployed gas against the Germans several months later. The slaughter of innocents continued. It is estimated that about 100,000 soldiers and civilians were killed in World War I gas attacks.

The unheroic age of chemical warfare had been ushered in.

In the wake of the war, efforts were made to ban this particularly repugnant form of warfare. The 1922 Treaty of Washington, followed by the 1925 Geneva Protocol, outlawed chemicals in war. Most nations subscribed to these treaties, there being universal agreement that chemicals should never be used again.

Yet pious declarations were not enough.

Italy, during its invasion of Ethiopia, used mustard gas. Japan sprayed Chinese forces with toxic gas. More recently, Egypt dropped poisonous gas on rebel troops in Yemen and the U.S. deployed chemical defoliants in Southeast Asia. The Soviet Union has reportedly used a nerve gas in Afghanistan.

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It was inevitable that the spectre of chemical warfare would one day haunt the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Last August, in the course of an address to the National Defence College in Israel, the then Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, officially confirmed widespread rumors that Syria — Israel's main adversary — had equipped its Soviet ground-to-ground missiles with chemical warheads.

According to Ze'ev Schiff, Haaretz's knowlegeable military writer, the Syrians have reached an advanced stage of fitting such warheads on their long-range missiles.

But Syria is not the only Arab country capable of deploying chemical weapons. Iraq and Egypt possess them. Iran, locked in battle with Iraq, probably deploys them as well. Libya is also believed to have them.

As Schiff has written, "It is becoming increasingly evident that even before the Middle East enters the nuclear arms era, it will enter the chemical weapons era."

Mordechai Gur, Israel's former chief of staff, concurs with his analysis. As he put it recently: "In light of the madness we witness in the Gulf war, including chemical warfare, we must be prepared for any eventuality."

In recognition of this reality, Israel has taken special precautions to prepare itself for the worst possibility. The IDF Journal, the English-language magazine of the Israel Defence Forces, reports in its latest edition that defensive training against chemical weapon attacks is now getting top priority.

Gen. Moshe Levy, the chief of staff, has ordered that such exercises be mandatory, not only in basic training, but in advanced training, too.

Gen. Yosef Eyal, the IDF's chief engineering officer, believes that its defensive measures are "among the best in the world."

Shimon Peres

In an interview, he said: "A chemical threat can be countered by training with the right equipment, by being fully familiar with that equipment, and by being prepared."

Israel is hardly unprepared.

Israeli medical corps scientists have developed a pill to immunize soldiers against nerve gas. Brig. Gen. Moshe Raveh, the Israel Defence Force's chief medical officer, has said that the pill, combined with a gas mask, should provide effective protection.

In the civilian sector, preparations have also been underway to confront an Arab gas attack.

Hospital staff have taken part in gas warfare exercises, and school children have been exposed to lectures on the subject. Teachers responsible for security in their schools have been briefed on defence against chemical warfare, the Jewish Week of New York says in a report.

Israel has no illusions that the deployment of chemical weapons by its enemies could be anything but costly.

In a recent report, the Sunday Telegraph of London quoted Western intelligence officials as saying that Syria has acquired a lethal nerve gas warhead that can devastate Israeli cities if fired from the Golan Heights.

The warheads, they claim, can kill every human being within a 25 square mile area and render a city uninhabitable for 24 hours after an attack.

Jane's Defence Weekly, a usually reliable source, says that the Syrians are manufacturing chemical weapons in new factories in Damascus and Homs.

The Jerusalem Post reports that the Syrians initially obtained chemical supplies from the U.S. before Washington banned the exports of such products to Syria last summer. The IDF Journal claims that Syria has produced nerve gas agents from knowhow acquired in Western Europe.

Syria signed the Geneva Protocol in 1968, but specified that its ratification did not involve recognition of Israel nor any treaty obligation to Israel.

Iraq, which has been in a state of war with Israel since its establishment, has used chemical agents against Iran on numerous occasions since 1983.

Thousands of Iranian soldiers have been killed and wounded in these attacks.

After the first attack, Iraq denied it had used gas. But a United Nations team whose members examined maimed Iranian troops said there was substantial evidence to the contrary. Swedish, West German, British, French and Austrian doctors who have treated Iranian soldiers in European clinics corroborated their findings.

In March of 1984, the United Nations' Security Council condemned Iraq for using toxic gas against Iranian troops.

As a result, the U.S. announced stringent restrictions on the sale to Iraq of five chemical compounds that can be used in the making of poison gases. Washington believes that Iraq, a signatory of the Geneva Protocol, has either built or is building underground factories for the mass production of gases. (Chemical weapons are divided into several agent groups: choking agents, blood agents, blister agents, incapacitating agents and nerve agents.)

As can be imagined, the Iranians have been outraged by Iraq's chemical onslaughts (which have not affected the course of the war whatsoever). Iran's foreign minister took his country's case to the United Nations and the disarmament conference in Geneva, but he received nothing more than sympathy.

Ze'ev Schiff says that Egypt — the only Arab nation that has signed a peace treaty with Israel — plays a "leading role" in the Arab world in the development of chemical weapons.

Egypt, under Gamal Abdel Nasser, received chemical weapon training and materiel from the Soviet Union, and became the first Arab state to actually deploy gas in battlefield conditions. In Yemen, then convulsed by a struggle between republican and monarchical forces, the Egyptians had no compunctions about using mustard and nerve gases, notwithstanding their adherence to the Geneva Protocol.

Knowing that, Israel ordered gas masks from West Germany on the eve of the Six Day War. Chemicals, however, were not deployed in either the 1967 or 1973 Arab-Israeli wars.

Libya also seems to have acquired chemical weapons. The Sunday Telegraph of London said late last year that Libya had purchased Soviet nerve gas for its Scud-B ground-to-ground missiles and had passed some on to its only two allies in the area, Iran and Syria.

These developments do not bode well. The countries of the Middle East are clearly arming themselves to the teeth, and there is no guarantee that they will recoil from using the poisonous gas at their disposal, with cataclysmic results, in a future war.

Israeli soldiers on patrol during a chemical warfare exercise. [IDF Journal]

Talk of peace process plus polite applause

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

The meeting is being held in Jerusalem, under the auspices of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East. The subject: "Time to Get the Peace Process Moving." Principal personality on the agenda, Abba Eban, so the political slant is obvious.

We look around and estimate some 300 persons in attendance, some with beard and kipa. This could turn to be a very lively session.

Eban is the first speaker. Israel today faces no military threat and has never been more secure, he says. The main danger facing us would come from incorporating the West Bank and Gaza into the state. He believes that a national consciousness of that danger is awakening in Israel. He deplores that after two years with Peres as Premier, no progress has been made in the commencement of negotiations for peace. We have little to expect under Shamir. (Our comment: Wasn't it under Begin, dafke, that peace was made with Egypt, the greatest political achievement of Israel throughout its history?)

Attack sounds like stale echoes of the last election

Eban grants that Israel has made efforts, but the heavy responsibility for failure lies with the Arabs. Hussein backed away. The Palestinian leadership made no approach to the table. Eban closes on a note of personal disappointment at the lack of progress. The audience applauds politely.

The American rabbi, Arthur Hertzberg, is next. The level of presentation goes down. He talks more about himself than about the issues. His attack on Israel's parties of the right sounds like stale echoes of the last election. He again rakes up the Lebanese War. The villains of the drama, to him, are Reagan and the "cowboys of Washington," together with the "cowboys of Jerusalem." (Comment: How embarrassing to hear an American, abroad, attack his own country's leadership so cheaply and crudely.)

He heaps coals of fire on the wicked Israelis who have caused all the trouble. (Comment: The Arabs are hardly mentioned at all. They apparently bear no blame and have no responsibility.) The audience applauds politely.

Somebody by the name of David Susskind, from Belgium, condemns the Jewish demonstrations against the Arabs. He blames the police and the army for killing four Arab students who were "only demonstrating." (Comment: Even little Arab children can throw big rocks.) The audience, as usual.

Dr. Shlomo Elbaz represents a group called East for Peace, designed to prove that not all Sephardim are for war. He calls for recruiting peace partisans from the Sephardi community. He questions the so-called supremacy of Western culture. He seeks equality for Eastern Jews in Israel, removing their sense of frustration and alienation. The audience etc.

Hanna Seniora, editor of the nationalist Arab paper, Al Fajr, is next, his right arm in a sling. The peace process has not been advanced because of the arrogance of the occupiers. He corrects Eban's statistics: there are 1.5 million Arabs in the occupied territories, not 1.3, as Eban had said. He calls for creation of a Palestine state there, alongside Israel. It would be demilitarized. The area will not have peace without the intervention of both superpowers, the U.S. and the USSR. Seniora sees a slight shift to the right in Israel. In general he is far more conciliatory, far less condemnatory of Israel than the three Jewish speakers who preceded him. Lively applause from many in the audience who look like Arabs. (Comment: Go ahead, tell us that we have made a racist comment!)

The last speaker, Prof. Galia Golan, represents Peace Now. She calls for mutual recognition by each side of the rights of the other. Details can come later. First we must get the peace process and negotiations under way. (Comment: She does not indicate who is to blame for lack of negotiations up to now.)

It has been a quiet meeting, without heckling, but also without stimulation or inspiration. No literature is distributed, but a couple of men circulate in the hall, handing out the latest issue of a monthly entitled On Both Sides of the Jordan. It calls for establishment of a Middle East Confederation, composed of Israel, Jordan and the new Palestine state. It appeals to Arafat to give up terror and visit Israel.

The meeting adjourns quietly. Here and there little knots of friends gather to discuss matters of the day. Outdoors the Jerusalem air is crisp, nippy and stimulating.

Opinion

I humbly propose:

Let's establish an annual Jewish ethics weekend

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Bear with me, my patient readers. I know that I have devoted the last two columns to the unsavory Ivan Boesky scandal and its repercussions. I suspect that you might prefer that I open the windows to let some fresh air into this righteous (but, I hope, never self-righteous) corner. In other words, that enough is enough. But:

J. B. Salsberg

What can I do if the world conspires to heap ever-new scandalous piles of unethical and immoral scandals upon us?

True, that some of the most morally offensive events occur beyond our immediate Jewish encampments — such as the unending scandals that emanate from our national capital, from Ottawa. But, such events do not, nor should they, lessen our agonizing concerns about our own, our Jewish scandals that plague us of late. For instance:

Britain is now rocked by what's known as the Guinness (beer giant) scandal. You may say: "So what's new?" But, when, at the height of that scandal, it is revealed that our own Mr. Boesky was also connected with the Guinness affair one ceases to be indifferent.

Or, when one read last week that a questionable "new bank" is being hatched on a tiny "independent" Caribbean island, the stock of which is being peddled by telephone to innocent "investors," and, when one recognizes some of the new bank's promoters as major operators in the ignominious Toronto "apartment flip" of a few years ago, is one to be indifferent, even if they bear Jewish names?

Or, what's one to say or do after reading in the Toronto Star an article written by a respected Israeli journalist in which he described what many irate Israelis call "the biggest bank robbery in history?" Ignore it? No, my upright readers. True, that the affair described was really not a "bank robbery" in the usual sense. But it certainly was a scandalous, an immoral and an impermissible occurrence.

Briefly what happened is this. A while back Israeli banks (actually only their chief officers) were found guilty of manipulating their banks' shares on the Israeli stock exchange. The investigating commission recommended that the operating heads of the banks be dismissed. This was done. But the head of one of the most prominent banks in the country (a bank that actually belongs to the Jewish people at large) demanded and was given, by the directors, "a golden handshake" — a retirement gift — of $4.5 million dollars and, in addition, a monthly pension of $30,000 for the rest of his life. . . . Scandalous? Yes, yes, yes! The Israeli press exposed the deal and the country is in a justified uproar. Gevalt!

So — what, if anything, are we to do about such manifestations of unprincipled, unethical, immoral and demoralizing practices?

Prophets thundered against violations of moral concepts

Yes, I know that "the system" breeds such evils. Yes, I know that such scandals occur in all countries and under all economic and social systems. I also know that even in ancient times, when our prophets walked the streets of sanctified Jerusalem, scandals of similar character plagued the conscience of our forefathers.

The prophets, often at the risk of their lives, thundered against the blatant violations of the vaunted ethical and moral concepts of Jewish faith. Glance at the pages of Isaiah and Jeremiah and read Amos (it's brief) to find much evidence of past violations of our ethical and moral standards.

To come down to recent times, there was the reborn Musar movement (moral admonishers, moral preachers) that arose in Eastern Europe in the 19th century under the inspiring leadership of Reb Yisroel Salanter (Lipkin).

So, why not now?

Surely there are present-day "Musarniks" in the religious, secular, academic, cultural, political, social as well as communal leadership spheres who are deeply disturbed by the Boesky-type of unethical, immoral and illegal scandals. Why don't they speak out?

Finally, why shouldn't we, at least, establish an annual "Ethical weekend?" On such weekends rabbis would deliver sermons on Jewish ethics; lectures, seminars and other public gatherings, including our schools, focusing on Jewish ethical and moral principles would be undertaken by every Jewish cultural, educational and social organization to emphasize their special concerns with our moral behavior.

Why not? Why shouldn't a Canadian Jewish community lead the way? It can be done if we will it. After all we have nothing to lose but a few scandals and that would be a great gain. . . .

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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ARAB PUBLISHER LAUDS US!

As you say in your editorial of Jan. 1, headed "A racist attack," it is not often that your newspaper and our Arab community find themselves in agreement.

Nevertheless, we at the Arab World Review were both pleased and impressed by your strong condemnation of the unfortunate title and lyrics of the song *Killing An Arab* by the rock group, The Cure.

It is a sad fact that Americans and Canadians of Arab origin have in many cases resigned themselves to the seemingly endless barrage of racial and ethnic, not to mention religious, slurs, directed at them and at their brothers and sisters in the Old Country.

Some of us have come to take it for granted that, if we are to struggle against this type of racism and prejudice, we shall have to do so alone.

It is, therefore, doubly encouraging to read such a condemnation written by someone other than an Arab — someone, moreover, whose political position is antithetical to that of most Arabs.

It is with real pleasure that we express our thanks and our hope that, in the future, we shall see more of this kind of constuctive and fair-minded editorial stance.

R. R. Kneider
Publisher
Arab World Review
Montreal

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SLAMS BEN-GURION AIRPORT

I should like to draw peoples attention to the fact that the duty-free shop at Ben-Gurion Airport in Israel does not accept Israeli currency.

Indeed, they only accept U.S. dollars.

I feel it is wrong that they do not accept their own currency and have debased themselves by bowing to the almighty dollar.

May I suggest that people avoid this establishment until there is a change in policy.

Felix D. Benzimra
Toronto

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WHY WELCOME CARDINAL?

The report on the reluctant visit by Archbishop John Cardinal O'Connor to Israel is rather perplexing.

The Vatican and the Archbishop went to great pains to announce that the New York ecclesiastical's meeting with President Chaim Herzog and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres was "unofficial."

Prior to this meeting, the Archbishop had an "official" meeting with King Hussein of Jordan.

No Jews are permitted to live or visit Jordan. Anyone applying to the Jordanian embassy in Ottawa for a visa to visit Jordan will be told that if the applicant is Jewish, he should not even bother to fill out the application.

Jordan is run as a police state without any vestige of civil liberties. The jails are full of political prisoners.

The attempts of Israeli officialdom to meet with the Archbishop indirectly puts a stamp of approval on racism and dictatorship, and is a disservice to democracy.

In pre-war fascist and racist Europe, Jews were forced to pay homage to the local *"galach"* in attempts to put off the pogroms for a day or two.

Is the Israeli government reverting to this ghetto policy?

Nathan Gans
Montreal

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HITS MAGAZINE'S "TCHATCHKES"

As a regular reader of your newspaper, I commend you for the tolerance shown for all viewpoints, demonstrating that it is possible for all streams of Jewry to live in the same community. The supplement to the Dec. 4 edition, however, was too much to bear. *The Elegant Life* may be the choice of much of our community. At the same time, such a display of extravagance has no place in a Jewish publication.

I am not, as are some of my friends, worried about what non-Jews will think of us. Rather, I am more concerned with our own people.

When so many Jews live near, or below, the poverty line; when Israel is in such desperate need of our support; and when there is a growing demand for funds to educate our young, focusing on how to spend thousands of dollars on toys and other *tchatchkes* is immoral.

I hope that, in the future, you will show some better judgment and concentrate on the many things which you do so well, rather than catering to the worst aspects of the Jewish community.

Charles Nachman
Toronto

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MAGAZINE STIRS HER FANTASIES

Criticism has been leveled at The CJN's new magazine supplement, *The Elegant Life*, and with reason. It is true that only a minority can spend on the luxuries featured, and our money could be used elsewhere.

However, there is another side.

Most of us need to dream a little. This is why we watch TV shows like *Dallas* and *Dynasty* and look in the windows of fine furniture and clothing shops.

Sometimes we who must handle our money with care even like to splurge — to buy a lovely figurine, a good print, an outrageous sweater. And why not?

Granted, it's important to look down, but it is vital to look up!

Pearl Bassin
Toronto

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Fritz Koeppel, debonair hotelier, praises CJN for its "debonair" new magazine, The Elegant Life.

MAGAZINE "URBANE, DEBONAIR"

I enjoyed reading your new magazine supplement, *The Elegant Life*, and especially Frank Rasky's article on the Inn-on-the-Park titled "Oasis of Urbanity" and subtitled "It's the niceties that count at the Inn."

Needless to say, I am very flattered to be written up as the Inn's "debonair, Swiss-born manager," and find the article very well researched and composed.

Indeed, I found *The Elegant Life* an urbane, debonair periodical that is a credit to The Canadian Jewish News.

Fritz Koeppel
Toronto

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JEWISH CONVICT SEEKS HELP

My most recent copy of The CJN is on my bed in front of me. It is dated Thursday, Jan. 1.

My menorah is on a shelf with remnants of burnt candles on and around it. I'm keeping it a day or two longer, as if grasping at air before I return it to the chapel. I am 34 years old and sitting in my cell, 6 by 12, in Joyceville Institution, a prison in the Kingston, Ont., area.

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 6. Your article about Jewish prisoners isolated at the holiday season, although true in content, falls far short of any positive action that can be achieved.

Rabbi Herbert Basser from Toronto looks in twice a month. He, unlike most, tries to do something rather than talk about it.

Four of us have started a Jewish group, an important group to the four Jews here at Joyceville. Isolated, you say? We have the same problems as all the other cons, except ours goes much deeper.

Our release plans centre on halfway houses. They are run by the likes of the John Howard society, and the Salvation Army. Most are Christian groups with religious overtones.

I was brought up proud to be a Jew and that it was much more than just religion. I am willing to spend as much time as required to help Jews in prison — not just up to my release but after they have closed the books on me.

I know the Jewish community has the finances and people power needed to help.

Is anyone out there willing to do more than think about it . . . and talk?

I may be a criminal, a prisoner, and despicable to some of you, but first and foremost I am a Jew!

My dues are being paid, the need and time to help are long past due. Do something. We are waiting here. Even just visitors from the Jewish community would be a blessing.

Howard Snobel
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ATTACKS FRANKFURT ARTICLE

Re Sheldon Kirshner's Jan. 8 article headed "Jews rebuilding in Frankfurt":

One would expect him not just to report an interview by others, but do some research. He would have learned that pre-Nazi Frankfurt had all those facilities now in the new community centre, and, of course, in proportion of 50,000 Jewish residents.

There were numerous kosher restaurants, among them the free meal *"suppenkueche"* and Jewish sports clubs (one of them was the then well-known Ivria soccer club plus Jewish kindergarten, two Jewish hospitals, several orphan-and-old-age homes, and lodges to put up the many emigrants from Eastern Europe on their way to America.

What annoyed me most was his remark that assimilation tendencies were prevalent in Frankfurt. There were three Jewish schools from primary to lyceum; one of them was the Samson Raphael Hirsch Realschool.

Frankfurt had about 30 synagogues, large and small, but only one was Liberal and one Reform. There were also the Breuer and the Schneider Yeshivat. When one talks of assimilation, Frankfurt commands a diferent yardstick.

Solly Krieger
Toronto

Sheldon Kirshner replies: Frankfurt may have had all those facilities he describes. In any event, why is he so naive as to believe that assimilationist tendencies were not prevalent in Frankfurt? Any child could tell him that.

Mr. Krieger should spend a little time in a library. He might even be grateful for such advice.

World-National

Split with Shamir on international conference

Peres stresses urgency of advancing peace process

PARIS (JTA) —

Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres asserted here recently that Israel would back an international conference for peace in the Middle East, but warned that speed is essential in advancing the peace process because the Iran-Iraq war, continued unrest in Lebanon, and Arab economic difficulties threaten to destabilize the entire region.

But while Peres, at separate meetings with President Francois Mitterand and Premier Jacques Chirac, was elucidating in some detail the conditions Israel would attach to such a conference and how it might be organized, Premier Yitzhak Shamir flatly rejected the idea.

An international conference "will not bring peace or blessings to Israel," he said.

"The only way to achieve peace is by direct negotiations without prior conditions," Shamir declared. His remarks underlined a fundamental division between Likud and the Labor Party, its partner in the unity coalition government.

Later, in Israel, Peres told reporters at Ben-Gurion Airport that whatever he said in Europe conformed with national policy approved by the Knesset, including its Likud faction. He said Premier Shamir, the Likud leader, was fully aware before he left of what he would say on the subject of the Middle East peace and had raised no objections.

In Paris, Peres met with Mitterand at the Elysee Palace for lunch and later conferred with Chirac. He also met with Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond. At those meetings, he stressed Israel's desire to see the peace process resumed at the earliest possible time and maintained that the recent visit to the Middle East by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy succeeded in paving the way for an international peace forum.

However, Peres told his hosts, three points must be settled:

• Israel considers the participation of the Soviet Union in a peace conference possible only after Moscow renews diplomatic ties with Israel and restores normal relations with the Jewish state.

• Secondly, the duration of the conference should be settled in advance. The conference itself should be a strictly formal affair which would launch negotiations between the parties. Actual negotiations should be conducted by various subcommittees, for example, a Lebanese-Israeli subcommittee, another comprised of Syria and Israel and a third of Israel, Jordan and a Palestinian delegation, Peres said.

• Third, he made clear that Palestinian representation must comprise independent Palestinians prepared to accept Israel's existence and to seek a peaceful solution to their conflict — not Palestine Liberation Organization delegates.

Peres reportedly told the French leaders, who themselves recently met with King Hussein of Jordan, that "Hussein is the key to peace" in the region and that Western Europe should use its influence to bring him to the negotiating table. Mitterand and Chirac told Peres that Hussein was prepared to attend an international conference but also felt some preliminary points had to be settled.

In another development, United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, addressing the Islamic summit conference in Kuwait, warned that failure to resolve the Middle East conflict could lead to a wider conflict, including nuclear war, and that a comprehensive settlement must include the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel's withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories.

The situation in the Middle East endangers the peace of the world, the secretary-general told the conference. "The conflict jeopardizes not only the future of all the people living in a vital and central region of the world but the wider peace as well," he said.

He warned that as long as the Middle East conflict remains unresolved, "the situation in the region will continue to be highly volatile and breed extremism and violence." There is also a danger of nuclear war if the situation is allowed to fester, he declared.

According to de Cuellar, a comprehensive settlement in the area must involve all parties concerned, including the PLO. To reach a settlement, Israel must withdraw from the Arab territories it occupied in June 1967. The sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states in the region must be recognized.

And the Palestinian problem must be resolved, based on the recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, "including self-determination," he said.

The secretary-general added that the question of Jerusalem must also be settled.

Iraq airpower worries Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israel is increasingly concerned that the battle-hardened Iraqi air force will pose a serious threat once Iraq's war with Iran is ended.

Israel Air Force Commander Gen. Amos Lapidot told a group of foreign military attaches last week that Iraqi pilots are currently flying "hundreds of sorties per day." He said Israeli and outside observers have discerned a significant improvement in the quality of Iraqi air power.

Their planes attack at much lower levels than before and their bombing and ground support is more accurate, he said. Though some outside observers maintain that foreign, mainly Pakistani, pilots are flying for Iraq, there is no confirmation of such reports.

Lapidot said the improved capabilities of the Iraqi Air Force would enable it to fly sorties against Israel in a future war from Iraqi territory without the need for bases in Jordan or Syria.

The Iran-Iraq war is now in its seventh year. While Iran, with much greater manpower, appears at the moment to have the edge on the ground, Iraqi air power is considered superior to Iran's by most experts here and abroad.

According to foreign sources, however, the advanced anti-aircraft and anti-tank weapons, sold to Iran covertly by the U.S. and Israel, have been able to blunt Iraq's superior air force and armor.

Barbie receives prostate surgery

PARIS (JTA) —

Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie has been reportedly operated on for a prostate complication. He was taken from the high-security Saint Joseph's Prison to the Lyon South Hospital by ambulance after prison authorities said his condition had deteriorated.

Barbie, 74, has been held at Saint Joseph's since his extradition from Bolivia on Feb. 5, 1983. He underwent a hernia operation in March 1983. His lawyer, Jacques Verges, claims he is in "poor physical condition" because of the condition of his detention and needs special treatment which is unavailable in jail.

Barbie, who served as a high-ranking Gestapo official in Lyon during the Nazi occupation of France, has been charged with several counts of crimes against humanity.

Justice ministry officials say his trial could start in May and would probably last several weeks, as hundreds of witnesses are expected to testify and more than 80 former deportees and organizations of deportees and former resistance fighters will address the court.

The Lyon criminal court where he is due to be tried is being enlarged to accommodate the hundreds of people who will attend the trial, and special security facilities are being set up to protect the war criminal.

Nine wounded in bomb blast on Israeli bus

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

A bomb planted on a bus traveling from Haifa to Jerusalem ripped through the vehicle, leaving nine persons wounded Sunday, one of them seriously. The blast occurred at 10 a.m. as the bus made its way past Hadera on the coastal road.

The wounded were taken to Hadera Hospital.

It was the worst attack on an Israeli bus since six persons were wounded last February when a bomb exploded on a commuter bus in the Tel Aviv suburb of Bnei Brak.

The explosive charge was probably placed on the bus before it left the Haifa central bus depot for its 2-hour trip to Jerusalem. The driver, who was himself hurt in the explosion, insisted, however, that he had checked the bus before beginning the trip.

Eyewitness reports said the charge seemed to have been placed under the driver's seat. He himself was thrown from his seat by the blast but he managed to guide the vehicle to a relatively smooth standstill without crashing into the highway dividers. There were 52 passengers on the bus.

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The Jewish Quiz

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(1) Which chassidic rabbi was considered to be an "attorney at the Heavenly court?"

(2) Who was the only woman whose opinion was accepted as halacha.

(3) What holiday is celebrated with the eating of fruits?

Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

(1) Levi Yizhak of Berdichev (1740-1810).
(2) Beruriah, wife of Rabbi Meir.
(3) Tu B'Shevat (the 15th day of Shevat).

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These questions and answers came from the book 6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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Entebbe commander named chief of staff

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Gen. Dan Shomron is to be the next chief of staff of the Israeli army. The cabinet took the decision Sunday, endorsing the recommendation of Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Shomron, who commanded the Entebbe rescue operation in 1976, will take over from Gen. Moshe Levy in April. Levy will have served four years.

Rabin denied that there had been "political interference" in the selection process, though he admitted that the various candidates had lobbied for themselves. He said this was "natural," and that he was pleased the IDF could put forward a number of candidates with suitable qualifications to be chief of staff.

The two other widely mentioned candidates were Gens. Ori Orr and Amir Drori. Rabin is now trying to persuade them not to resign from the army. He said he would meet with them soon. "But the decision has been taken."

Gen. Dan Shomron (right) is seen in 1983 when he was appointed the first commander of the Land Forces. Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy toasts his appointment. [IPPA photo]

U.S. pressing Israel for economic reforms

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"They're always doing that," an Israeli finance ministry official said.

U.S. officials said the Reagan administration was also anxious to see Israel implement a far-reaching tax and capital market reform package aimed at promoting "real" economic growth.

In general, the Americans said they were impressed by the progress made over the past two years in the Israeli economic recovery program, but they stressed that Israel still had a long way to go.

Israeli officials, led by the director-general of the finance ministry, Emmanuel Sharon, came to Washington for the twice-a-year meeting of the U.S.-Israel Joint Economic Development Group.

The Israeli delegation, in the course of the discussions, presented a detailed explanation of Israel's need for a $3 billion economic and military aid package for the 1988 fiscal year, which begins on Oct. 1, 1987. Of that sum, $1.8 billion is slated for military purchases, while the remaining $1.2 billion is for economic assistance. The entire appropriation, which still requires Congressional approval, is in the form of an outright grant, with no repayment necessary.

Most recently, President Ronald Reagan also offered Israel an option of having its annual interest rate on outstanding military loans reduced over the next few years. After the turn of the century, Israel would be required to make a one-time "balloon" payment to make up for the shortfall in interst payments.

U.S. and Israeli officials described the two days of meetings at the state department last week as productive.

Heading the U.S. team was Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs Allen Wallis. He was joined by other high state department and treasury department officials.

Also participating were Prof. Stanley Fischer of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Prof. Herbert Stein of the American Enterprise Institute, both of whom serve as consultants to the state department on the Israeli economy.

Housing for Arabs

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Arabic. The first section is devoted to the 50 recommendations. Aerial photographs of Arab communities follow, with every illegal structure as of March 1986 marked off. Complex information tables throughout the subsequent text provide the data supporting the report's liberal conclusions.

Once adopted, the report is certain to create broad social and political consequences. "Most important, it will solve 95% of the current problem," according to Darawshe. Indeed, the only Arab houses not saved from demolition are those overtly interfering with planned roads or village services.

"Young Arab couples," adds Amos Gilboa, "comprising most of the people typically living in these houses, will now be able to flourish without feeling the constant threat of a demolition order. They will have some place to live that is legal."

Arens continues: "This will prove (to Arabs) that the Israeli government has finally opened its eyes to their problems."

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of
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What's New

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Friday, Feb. 6

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION4

On Friday, Feb. 6 at 8.30 p.m. in the Jewish Community Centre, N/E Branch, 7015 Leslie St., the Secular Jewish Association presents **Frank Bialystock,** who will talk on his recent visit to the European death camps.

Admission is free and coffee will be served.

For more details call 223-3081.

Saturday, Feb. 7

AUCTION FANTASIA

National Council of Jewish Women invites you to its Auction Fantasia, Saturday evening, Feb. 7 in Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Preview is at 7.30 p.m., auction at 8.

Tickets, $10, include complimentary dessert and coffee.

Call Council House, 633-5100 for tickets.

Sunday, Feb. 8

SHAAREH HAIM OF RICHMOND HILL

Following the success of its first Learners' Service, Shaareh Haim Synagogue of Richmond Hill will be holding another Learners' Service 9.30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 7 at the M.L. McConaghy Centre, 10100 Yonge St. (just north of Major Mackenzie Drive.

This will concentrate on teaching the major prayers of the Shabbat morning service. The Torah reading will involve "hands on" instruction in the mechanics of the service.

For further information call 737-3080.

FOR CHILDREN

Toronto Women's ORT is staging a concert for young children with recording artists **Sandy Offenheim and Family**. Shows are at 1.30 and 3.30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8 in Northview Heights Secondary School Auditorium (Finch and Bathurst).

Tickets are $4.50 each. To inquire further call 787-0297, days, or 736-0235, evenings.

TZAVTA KIBBUTZ CENTRE

Prof. Joseph Nevo, senior lecturer in the department of Middle Eastern History, University of Haifa, and a visiting lecturer in Ottawa, will consider Jordanians and Palestinians: Two Generation Love/Hate Affair, when he speaks at the Tzavta Kibbutz Centre, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 156.

Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tefillin and Breakfast Club meets Sunday, Feb. 8, to hear **Robert Liberles**, ordained rabbi and senior lecturer at Ben-Gurion University, who will talk on Heinrich Graetz: Historian as a Social Critic.

Service is at 9.30 a.m., breakfast at 10, speaker at 10.30.

BETH DAVID BROTHERHOOD

A program to examine the relationships between sons-fathers-grandfathers, will be offered when **Eleanor Miller** of Jewish Family & Child Service, zeros in on Communication: A Two-Way Street, at the breakfast meeting of Beth David B'nai Israel Brotherhood, 9.30 a.m., Sunday Feb. 8.

The synagogue is at 55 Yeomans Rd.

SHAAREI CHAIM LECTURE SERIES

On Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. in Roselawn Public School, 422 Carrville Rd. (between Bathurst and Yonge, north of Hwy. 7), Shaareh Chaim Synagogue of Richmond Hill continues its Sunday morning lecture series with **Renee Borgoorvich**, who will speak on Jewish Needlework — An Overview.

The lecture is preceded by a service and breakfast, and concludes at 11.45 a.m. All are welcome.

For additional information call 737-3080.

CHILDREN'S BALLET

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe will come to life with two performances by The Ontario Ballet Theatre at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 8 in Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave.

Children up to the age of 12 will enjoy this 1-hour program based on the book by C.S. Lewis, about children who literally fall into the magic land of Narnia.

This is under the auspices of Temple Sinai Nursery School and tickets are available at the school office, or at the door if there are any remaining.

For more information call 487-3281.

SUCCESSFUL LEARNATHON

United Synagogue students (left to right) Daniel Goldman, Lesley Stevens, Jonathan Goldman, Joshua Finkel, helped to organize a successful Learnathon, In Pursuit of Peace. They are shown with Zita Gardner, educational coordinator of the Junior High. The students hold a plaque presented by Carol Baratz on behalf of the Association for Soldiers of Israel in appreciation for over $4,500 raised in conjunction with the Learnathon. The funds will be used to help purchase an Aron Kodesh for the synagogue at Toronto House, part of a soldiers' complex in Beersheba. [Steven Bucovetsky photo]

QUINTET ON TOUR

The Foothills Brass Quintet of Calgary recently made a guest appearance at Tel Aviv University's bi-monthly Musicampus Concert series. Quintet members David Foley, Arthur Lapp, Chris Morrison, Rosalee Morrison and James Pfeiffer introduced the audience to works by several Canadian composers. The quintet also conducted a colloquim with students from the Rubin Academy. The Canadians were invited to Israel by the government tourist office to participate in Christmas celebrations in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Monday, Feb. 9

MOTHERS AGAINST GOING CRAZY

Monday Magic, or Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy, meets at 9.30 a.m. Mondays, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Hear absorbing speakers and meet other mothers of young children. Excellent babysitting is provided.

A series of education workshops continues Feb. 9 and 16.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

The fascinating story of The Jews of Kai-Feng will be told when **Sarah Irwin** of the Royal Ontario Museum, reaches into the history of these Chinese Jews, at a meeting of Shaar Shalom Sisterhood at 7.50 p.m., Tuesday Feb. 10.

Location is 2 Simonston Blvd. and the community is welcome to attend.

Admission is $1 for members, $1.50, guests.

TEHILLA & SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

Tehilla, the Union for Religious Aliya and the Adult Education department of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, are co-sponsoring an evening with **Rabbi Chaim Brovender**, an oleh from North America who is the founder and rosh yeshiva of Yeshivat Hamivtar and Michelelet Bruria in Jerusalem. His topic will be, Living In Israel — Is It a Mitzvah Today?

The lecture takes place at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. (just east of Bathurst St.) at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10.

All are welcome.

NETIVOT HATORAH DAY SCHOOL

Tuesday, Feb. 10, beginning at 1.15 p.m., children of Netivot HaTorah Day School's grade 1-B class, 55 Yeomans Rd., will celebrate receiving their first Chumashim. The class' Limudei Kodesh teacher, **Rina Newman**, will direct the presentation, and be accompanied by **Charles Heller**, the school's music teacher. **Rabbi Eliot Feldman**, chairman of the Vaad HaChinuch, will present the Chumashim.

STARTING A SMALL BUSINESS

At Bathurst Heights Public Library, 3170 Bathurst St. (north of Lawrence), **Graham Cunningham,** co-author of TV Ontario's How to Start a Small Business, will talk about the basics of starting from scratch. A booklist of library materials will be available. Please pre-register. Cost is $1.

At Fairview Public Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. (east of Don Mills Rd.), representatives from the ministry of industry, trade and technology will provide an overview of all aspects of starting a business in Ontario. This is free.

Both workshops are on Tuesday Feb. 10. Bathurst Heights meeting is 7-10 p.m., Fairview, 7.30-9.30 p.m.

For further information phone 495-3436.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

BLACK CIVIL RIGHTS

An evening of films, video and panel discussions will examine Black civil rights and directions for the future, 7.30-9.30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11 in Don Mills Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E. (west of Don Mills Rd.). This is presented by the Ontario Black History Society and the library.

Thursday, Feb. 12

ADATH ISRAEL JEWISH STUDIES

Chavurat Hamasoret is a Jewish studies program for young adults ages 18-25. Classes are held weekly at Adath Israel Synagogue on Thursday evenings.

On Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7.30 p.m., there will be a Torah study class with **Sholom Eisenstat**.

CARIBBEAN TRADE FORUM

The City of North York's department of economic development is sponsoring a Caribbean Trade Forum on Thursday, Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. The purpose is to bring together representatives from the Antigua government trade office and manufacturers and businessmen who have been successful in the exchange of goods and barter trade. "Countertrade" is rapidly becoming a leading method of importing and exporting.

The meeting will involve representatives from banking, import and export trade agencies, manufacturing, investment and insurance companies.

Schedule is: 5.30 p.m. registration; 6 p.m. reception, wine and hors d'oeuvres; 6.45 p.m. presentations; 8 p.m. question/answer.

This is the first meeting of its kind in North York, and the city hopes to sponsor similar events with representatives from China, Africa, South America and the Soviet Union.

Register now, by sending your check or money order for $15 to The City of North York, c/o Countertrade/Barter, Department of Economic Development, 5100 Yonge St., North York, Ont., M2N 5V7.

For more information or late registration, contact **Kathryn Anderson** at 224-6475 or **Jim Lor** at 653-1474.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

ISRAEL YOUTH PROGRAM

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MEET THE COMPOSER

Meet the Composer series under the auspices of the music department, Koffler Centre of the Arts, presents three eminent Canadian Jewish composers in A Trio of Evenings. This series looks at the art of the composers through discussion and illustration of their works including film, dance, choral and orchestral scores.

Please note that **Milton Barnes** will appear Sunday, Feb. 8 and **Louis Applebaum**, on Sunday, March 8. **Ben Steinberg** will appear in April.

All programs are at 8 p.m. in the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St. Admission is free.

MEET THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation is sponsoring a Meet the Children of Israel mission in cooperation with the American Committee for Shaare Zedek Hospital, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Pediatrics Department of the Jerusalem-based medical centre. April 26-May 6.

Among highlights are visits with residents of settlements in Judea and Samaria, a cruise on the Kinneret with youngsters living on a Golan Heights settlement, meetings with children and their families at the Lebanese border, as well as an in-depth tour of Shaare Zedek Medical Centre and lunch with the Israeli minister of health and Jerusalem's **Mayor Teddy Kollek**.

Extensions in Israel and/or Europe can be arranged.

For information and brochures, contact **Sheila Dropkin** , 781-3584.

HOLOCAUST AWARENESS AT YORK

Jewish Student Federation of York University announces Holocaust Awareness Week, Feb. 9-12, on campus, 4700 Keele St.

This absorbing event will include Holocaust displays featuring an 8 x 12 foot butterfly mural, 5,000 miniature butterflies, pictures and information; panel of survivors; a program honoring a Righteous Gentile; the dramatization of the play, I Never Saw Another Butterfly; the continuous showing of Shoah and other movies.

For additional information and specific locations, contact the JSF at 736-5178.

LUBAVITCH WOMEN'S CONVENTION

The 25th annual midwinter regional convention of Lubavitch Women's League, N'Shei Chabad, is scheduled for Feb. 20-22.

Program highlights are a Shabbat experience — inspirational talks, workshops, services and meals in a traditional Jewish atmosphere, to be held at Chabad Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill (overnight accommodation provided); a melaveh malka — Saturday evening 8 p.m., dinner and an address by **Miriam Levy** from Israel, author of Effective Jewish Parenting, who will talk on Motherhood: The Art of Communicating, at Torath Emeth Jewish Centre, 1 Viemount Ave; a banquet, Sunday, Feb. 22 at noon, with keynote speaker **Rabbi Manis Freedman**, dean of Bais Chanah Institute, Jewish women's facility, St. Paul, Minn., who will discuss Minding the Family Business, to take

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place at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

For further information and registration call **Shterny Rosler**, 731-5347 or **Bina Cole**, 881-5198.

POOL VOLUNTEERS

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READINGS AND MUSIC

The Jewish Book Committee of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council and the Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library present Dramatic Readings and Musical Renditions in English, Yiddish and Hebrew with **Cantor Louis Danto, Cantor Hesh Mayersdorf, Nathan Garnick, Brina Rose** and 13 CHAT students.

The program is slated for 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 14 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

Admission is free.

THE FARM SHOW AT NORTHERN

Conceived and performed originally in Clinton, Ont., in 1972, Theatre Passe Muraille's, The Farm Show, still speaks to the farm crisis in Canada with a probing voice.

Northern Secondary School, 851 Mount Pleasant Rd., is mounting a student production of this play Feb. 26, 27 and 28.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. General admission, at the door, is $4.

BETH TZEDEC STUDY LUNCHEON

The Real Story of Tu B'Shevat will be the topic when **Irving Matlow** speaks at the Beth Tzedec Shabbat Luncheon, following services on Feb. 14.

Reservations (paid) should be made no later than Wednesday, Feb. 11. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated.

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Interviews are on Thursday evening Feb. 12. Phone **Janet**, 636-1880, ext. 230 or 271, for an appointment.

FAMILY PURIM SEUDAH

Here's an opportunity to participate in a traditional Family Purim Seudah at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Sunday, March 15. Mincha is at 4.45 p.m., seudah at 5.

Enjoy a full course meal (special menu for children), live music and entertainment. Costumes are definitely encouraged.

Cost is $21 for adults, children under 12 accompanied by parents, $11. Early bird special — payments before Feb. 22 — adults $16, children $6.

NORTH YORK WINTER CARNIVAL

Celebrate the season (it's better than shivering) at the North York Winter Carnival, with more than 100 activities, all set for Feb. 13, 14 and 15 at Black Creek Pioneer Village, Steeles Ave. and Jane St. (Free parking and free admission).

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For specific details contact North York public information office, 5100 Yonge St., North York, M2N 5V7, phone 224-6083.

NEW NA'AMAT CHAPTER

Pioneer Women Na'amat welcomes all women ages 28-35, to its new Richmond Hill-Oak Ridges Chapter.

A special program is planned for the next meeting, 8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9.

To inquire further call 636-5425 days, 764-0565, evenings.

VEGETARIAN COOKING

The YMCA has a new course in Vegetarian Cooking, 7-9.30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16 and/or Feb. 23.

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For more information call 225-7773.

TEMPLE ISRAEL, LONDON

Sunday, Feb. 15 is the date for the next board meeting of Temple Israel, London, which will be held at 7.30 p.m. in the JCC.

SPEECH AND SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for a challenging position?

The Multiple Sclerosis Society, Toronto Chapter, invites volunteers who are interested in visiting clients who have speech difficulties or are non-verbal.

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Please call **Mary Shapiro**, 922-6065 (or leave your name and phone number with the MS switchboard.

ANDERSON TO ADDRESS ORT

The Business and Professional Women's Group of Toronto Women's ORT invites you to an evening with Toronto Star columnist **Doris Anderson**, past president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, to be held at The Brownstone Hotel, 15 Charles St. E. (two blocks south of Bloor), on Monday, Feb. 9 at 5.45 p.m. (This meeting was originally scheduled for Jan. 19, but postponed due to inclement weather.)

Refreshments will be served.

Reserve in advance by calling **Marcy Gilbert** at the ORT office, 787-0339. New members are welcome.

BETH EMETH TU B'SHEVAT DANCE

The special events committee of Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., welcomes you to a Tu B'Shevat Dance and Entertainment, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 in the Fischstein Hall.

Cost, $12 per person, includes a deli nosh.

Tickets are available at the synagogue office, 633-3838.

JEWISH STUDENT FEDERATION

Jewish Student Federation announces that **Benjamin Netanyahu**, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, will speak at 7.30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 8, at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. Sponsors are Youth and Hechalutz, Israel Aliya Centre, Network-Canada, Community Action for Israel Committee, in co-operation with student organizations. Tickets are $2. Call 787-1631.

How about a lunch date? Jewish Student Federation is sponsoring speakers on Wednesdays at noon in the JSF portable, unless indicated otherwise. Feb. 11, **Irving Abella**, York history professor and co-author of None Is Too Many, will speak on Closed Doors: Canada and the Holocaust. Please note this lecture is at 1 p.m. in the Scott Religious Centre.

Jewish Student Federation and the Jewish Student Union are sponsoring a joint retreat to examine the question, What is a Jew? This is at Maple Lake Lodge Feb. 13-15, and features comedian **Allan Gould, Rabbi Shaul Charendorf and Rabbi David Azen**. The lodge has many recreational facilities, and as well, Saturday will be Monte Carlo Night. Cost for students is $80, non-students, $100. For more details contact the JSF, 736-5178.

BETH TZEDEC SISTERHOOD

Marriage and sexual therapist **Judith Golden** will address a lunch gathering of Beth Tzedec Sisterhood, Wednesday, Feb. 18 at noon, in observance of the group's Fourth Annual Membership Day.

There is no charge to sisterhood members, guests, $10.

RSVP by Feb 11; phone 781-3511.

CHILDREN'S VILLAGES

Children's International Summer Villages is a non-profit organization which fosters international understanding and friendship among children of the world and their families.

Each year more than 35 gatherings (villages) of children from different countries are held, plus numerous interchanges between groups of teenagers, and seminar camps for young adults.

CISV Canada has seven chapters, and the Toronto chapter invites applicants: two boys and two girls (age 11) to attend a village in Finland in July; one male leader, age 21 or over, to accompany these children; one female junior counsellor, age 16-17, to attend a village in Ottawa in July; five boys and five girls, age 12 or 13, to participate in an interchange program in Cincinnati and Toronto in July; one female or male leader, age 21 or over, to participate in the interchange program.

A general information meeting will be held 3.30-5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 8, at Brown Community Centre, 454 Avenue Rd. (two blocks south of St. Clair).

For more information phone **Marlene Stephens**, 481-6224 or **Dave Neylan**, 291-6357.

INUIT SCULPTURE AT KOFFLER

Sugluk: Sculpture in Stone, an exhibition of major sculptures of people from Sugluk, a Quebec Inuit community, opens Feb. 12 at the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St. and continues until March 27.

For more information contact **Sandra Slosel**, 636-1880, ext. 243.

DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Drivers are urgently needed to assist with many different programs including Meals on Wheels, services to seniors and patient escort for the Red Cross and Cancer Society.

If you are available to drive your car and help with a support program please call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

HOLY BLOSSOM MUSICAL WEEKEND

Holy Blossom Temple showcases early Jewish music with two concerts, Feb. 13 and 15.

Friday, Feb. 13, at 8.30 p.m., The Elegance of Jewish Renaissance, features the liturgical music of **Salomone Rossi**, for cantor, choir, harpsichord and string quartet.

Highlighting the weekend is a special concert on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 8 p.m., when the New York based Ensemble for Early Jewish Music makes a rare appearance in Canada to present a selection of Early Hebrew Art Music. Also participating will be the Holy Blossom Temple Singers with **Douglas Bodle**, harpsichord, under the direction of **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**.

Admission to the Sunday concert is $8, seniors and students, $5.

Tickets and information are available at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., phone 789-3291, or at Israel's Judaica Centre, 973 Eglinton Ave. W. and 243 Wilmington Ave.

Earlier on Sunday, the Ensemble for Early Jewish Music will present a lecture-demonstration on Music of the Sephardi Jews at the Brotherhood Breakfast Club. Breakfast is at 9.30 a.m. ($3 charge). The program commences at 10 a.m. and admission is free.

THORNHILL WOMEN'S ORT

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m., the newest chapter of Toronto Women's ORT will hold its first meeting in Thornhill. Guest speaker will be **Diane Uslaner**, national executive director of Women's Canadian ORT.

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JTS GRAD

Howard Shub, communal worker and graduating student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, pauses under late grandfather's portrait while preparing sermon for his Virginia Beach congregation. Shub, on a recent visit to his hometown Toronto, stressed the need for warmth and friendliness by synagogues to visitors. [David Birkan photo]

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

In honor of Eli Wiesel receiving the Nobel Peace Prize for 1986, children in grades 4 and 5 of the Associated Hebrew Schools, Nathan O. and Roey Hurwich Campus, held a special assembly and presented poetry and stories which they had written for this occasion. Seen here are participants Amy Mizrachi, Idan Cohen and Jeremy Rezmovitz.

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For further information contact **Sally Waldman**, 881-4252 or **Marcy Gilbert**, 787-0339.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

Jewish Family & Child Service is sponsoring the following programs.

Single Parents, a six session series where single parents can discuss with others who understand, the feelings, concerns and special moments of parenting children alone, begins 7.30-9 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16. Cost is $35 per person.

Widows and Widowers Support Group deals with learning to cope with the loss of one's mate. Participants share concerns, fears and issues of planning one's life again. Six sessions start 7.30-9 p.m., Feb. 25. Cost is $35 per person.

Workshops are held at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

Scholarships are available.

For details and registration, call 638-7800, ext. 290.

TU B'SHEVAT AT BETH TIKVAH

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood, 3080 Bayview Ave., celebrates Sisterhood Family Shabbat at Tu B'Shevat, by Planting an Idea, Growing a Tradition.

On Friday, Feb. 6, the sisterhood hosts members of the congregation at a Tu B'Shevat seder, following Kabbalat Shabbat Services.

On Saturday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m., the community is invited to attend Shabbat morning services when the sermon will be delivered by **Frieda Lewis**, chairperson of the World Jewish Congress, American Section. An active and committed Jew, she is immediate past president of Hadassah, serves on the executive and boards of the World Zionist Organization and the Global Commission on Anti-Semitism, plus numerous other organizations.

TEMPLE SINAI SHABBAT SHIRA

Temple Sinai's Shabbat Shira observance Friday evening Feb. 13, following the 8.15 service, highlights the synagogue compositions of Jewish composers from the generation preceding our own. Works by **Freed, Kosakoff, Fromm, Helfman, Schalit, Lavri** and **Chajes** will be offered by the Temple Sinai Congregational Choir and Chamber Choir with **Cantor Severin Weingort** as soloist, all under the direction of **Ben Steinberg.**

The community is welcome to attend. Location is 210 Wilson Ave.

ART IN THE LIBRARIES

A selection of art in various media is on display at public libraries in North York.

Paintings on Silk by **Denise Rouben**, can be seen at Don Mills Regional Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E., just west of Don Mills Rd.

Edith Scully's watercolors and etched prints are on view at Brookbanks Library, 210 Brookbanks Dr. just south of York Mills Rd.

At Bathurst Heights Library, 3170 Bathurst St. just north of Lawrence, Chinese-born **Edith Miuchi Tang's** brush paintings are a mix of Oriental and Western influence.

Asher Sadeh, who comes originally from New York and also lived in Jerusalem, has been employed as a freelance graphic designer. His works are at Yorkdale Library, in Yorkdale Mall.

Graphic artist and illlustrator, **Gary Wein** is exhibiting at Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr., just east of Don Mills.

Joanna Van Kempen's watercolors and oils, with emphasis on nature, are at Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie St. just north of Finch.

Malcolm Craven has several of his landscapes in oil at Pleasant View Library, 575 Van Horne Ave, just west of Victoria Park.

For further information and hours, phone 495-3438.

BETH SHOLOM ADULT EDUCATION

In conjunction with its Adult Education series, Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., is sponsoring a number of Scholar in Residence Weekends.

Speaker for Feb. 7-8, is **Dr. Robert Liberles**, senior lecturer in Modern Jewish History at Ben-Gurion University, an ordained rabbi and author of the book, Religious Conflict in a Social Context. His weekend theme is The Emergence of Modern Judaism: Tradition Confronts Modernity.

Shabbat morning, he will speak on Napoleon's Sanhedrin. The topic for Shabbat Luncheon is Moses Mendelssohn: The Pressure to Convert. Sunday morning, he will talk on Heinrich Gratz: The Historian as a Social Critic.

Cost of the luncheon is $8. Reserve in advance at 783-6103.

This weekend is sponsored by the family and friends of **Aranka** and **Fred Kolin.**

for seniors

Vaudeville will be revisited when the Smile Group entertains **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50** 1.30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 in the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Coffee and cake will be served and everyone is welcome. Cost to non-members of the club is $1.50.

Thursday, Feb. 5, the **Good Age Club** will be going to a recital by the University of Toronto Chamber Orchestra. Meet at the JCC Bloor Branch (corner of Spadina) at 11.30 a.m. and return by 2 p.m. for refreshments. There is no charge for the concert. Refreshments are 50¢ for members, 75¢, non-members.

Thursday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m., Learn To Relieve Unwanted Stress for a More Healthy Lifestyle, at the Bloor JCC's Good Age Club.

Every Tuesday, 1-3 p.m., **Coffee House 60** simmers with good conversation at the Bloor JCC. Come out and enjoy.

North Senior Walkers invite all seniors to join them for Sunday morning walks. Each walk begins at 9 a.m. and has washroom facilities. Sunday, Feb. 8, the walk is at James Gardens, Edenbridge Dr. off Scarlett Rd. south of Eglinton. Meet at the parking lot beside the James Gardens sign adjacent to the washrooms.

For their meeting, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., North York Senior Walkers invite you to hear **Elliot Katz**, author of Great Country Walks Around Toronto — Within Reach of Public Transit.

For more information and directions, call 241-2932.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for People 55 and Over and On Their Own will meet in the music room, Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. Lawyer **Bob Woolner** will explain Wills, Estates and Other Related Matters. This is for members only. Cost is $1 including coffee. To inquire further phone **Joy Friedman**, 225-2112.

The Bernard Betel Centre is pleased to announce a 5-day Montreal, Quebec City trip for member only, June 8-12. The price, $315, based on two people sharing, includes transportation, city tours, gala dinners, special lunches, boat cruise, four full breakfasts and accommodation.

There is a day tour to see the musical comedy, Celebration at Stouffville Theatre-in-the Park, Wednesday, Feb. 11. Price, $17.50 includes transportation, musical and a full fish lunch. This is for members only.

A Health Services program 1.30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12 in the synagogue, offers a presentation on Osteoporosis by **Dr. Joan Harrison** with a film, Stalking the Silent Thief.

Yiddish and English vocalist **Naomi Bell** will entertain at the Wednesday Afternoon Social, 1.30 p.m. Feb. 11. Cost is $1.25 for members, $1.75 non-members.

See the spectacular movie Out of Africa, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8. Admission is $1 for members, $1.50 non-members.

singles

B'nai B'rith Singles Lodge, Atideynu , (ages 20s-30s) will hold its next general meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10 in the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $1. For more information, call **Steve**, 489-2692. Everyone is welcome. There is free parking behind the building.

Genya Intrator, who is deeply involved with the plight of Soviet Jews and particularly Refuseniks, will explain What it Means to be a Jew in the Soviet Union Today, when she speaks to **Beth Tikvah Chai Singles** , (35 and over). The meeting takes place in Beth Tikvah Synagogue downstairs social hall, 3080 Bayview Ave., 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8. Admission is $3 for members, $5, visitors. Refreshments will be served.

Total Living Mature Singles are having a general meeting 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8 in Earl Bales Park Community Centre, Bathurst and Sheppard. A dynamic program is planned with **Morry MacLeod**, sociology lecturer at Humber College, who will talk on Human Sexuality. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Admission for members is $2, non-members, $3.

JCC Valley Singles Centre announces its Singles Social Hotline for 24-hour taped information on happenings in the Jewish community. Call 889-5101.

The next **JCC Valley Drop-In Night**, (ages 35-50) is Saturday, Feb. 7 at 8.30 p.m. in the upstairs party room, 7015 Leslie St. This is an informal evening for those who want a comfortable atmosphere with taped music, quiet conver-

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EMUNAH WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP

Visitors at a recent Emunah Women's membership evening in Toronto were welcomed by (from left) organizers Aggie Deutsch, Rita Weinberger (hostess), Gitta Leibowitz and (front) Esther Taub.

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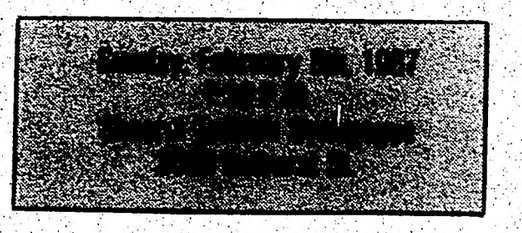

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sation, ping pong, refreshments. Hosts and hostesses are present. Cost is $3 for members with cards, $5, non-members. Call **Sally Kerbel**, 889-0813 for additional details.

Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m., the **JCC Valley Singles Support Group** gathers at 7015 Leslie St. for a general discussion, I Want a Girl (Boy) Just Like the Girl (Boy) Who Married Dear Old Dad (Mom). Admission is $3 for members with cards, $4, non-members. Call **Sally Kerbel**, 889-0813 for more information.

On Sunday, Feb. 8, **Club Moriah**, (20-40) is going skating. Meet at noon at Toronto City Hall (northwest corner of Bay and Queen). The group will be waiting at the west end of the skating rink in front of the concession stand. For further information call or leave a message with **Jeff**, 783-3019 or **Ray**, 638-6005.

Join the new co-ed group, **Club Jericho** (ages 25-40) whose aim is to hold social, cultural and religious functions geared to our Jewish heritage. For more details on the group, time and place of its next event, phone **Stan**, at 781-6027 or **Sandra**, 787-3465. No Shabbat calls.

Jewish Singles Connection, (ages 25-45) is presenting its first singles party, a Valentine gathering at Charley's, 44 Eglinton Ave. W. at Yonge St., 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12. Cover charge for this premier event is $6. Come out, enjoy a new place, meet new people, and perhaps meet your valentine. Phone **Dave**, 781-3296 for more information.

The Jewish Singles Messenger is a new magazine dedicated to bringing together Jewish Singles. This promises to be a most absorbing magazine for you as a Jewish single person to read. Contact **Betty**, 425-6121, or write to JSM, Station R, PO Box 555, Toronto, M4G 4E1.

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Thursday, Feb. 5, enjoy singer-songwriter **Colin Linden**, at the Bloor JCC Evening Coffee House, 7.30 p.m. until midnight. Admission, $4 for JCC members, $6, non-members, includes refreshments. Don't miss this rare solo appearance.

Party to the sounds of CFNY, CHUM, CKFM, and CHFI, from one of Toronto's top club deejays at the Rooftop Caves In Dance, Sunday, Feb. 22 at the Bloor JCC, 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. Tickets, $8 for JCC members, $10, non-members, include delicious appetizers, and there will be drinks with a twist. You'll be impressed! This is a new direction in entertainment. For more details call **Sarah Casse**, 924-6211.

Come to the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., on Sunday, Feb. 8 for family Craft-A-Rama and Puppet Show, an afternoon of exciting craft experiences. The fun begins at 2 p.m. with a multitude of activities including jewelry-making, stationery design, computer art and rhinestone art (bring your own T-shirts, shoes, etc. to decorate).

Mr. Bingo will be on hand with prizes for all. Toyland puppets will entertain the whole family with their innovative show. Refreshments follow. Cost for members is $10 per family of four or $3 per person, and non-members, $12 per family of four or $4 per person. For more information call 889-0813.

Couples Over Forty invites you to hear **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin** who will delve into Jewish Mysticism and the Kabbalah, 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 8 at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Cost is $5 per couple. Hosts are **Roselind** and **Hy Schwartz**. To inquire further call **Rose Shapiro**, 889-0813.

About People

TZIPPORAH BERNSTEIN IN WHO'S WHO

Willowdale resident **Tzipporah Bernstein**, a student at Yeshiva University in New York, has been selected for the 1987 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Daughter of **Ben** and **Dahlia Bernstein**, Tzipporah joins an elite group chosen from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in the United States and several other countries. She is a student at Stern College for Women.

Campus nominating committees have selected the students through criteria based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

UBC, HU to hold first joint seminar

VANCOUVER — The University of British Columbia and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem will hold their first joint invitational seminar on Feb. 12, in Vancouver.

The seminar, on "Ethnicity and Social Policy," will compare how Canada and Israel deal with their respective minority groups.

In a recent interview, Prof. H. Peter Oberlander of the UBC's Centre for Human Settlements said the seminar's basic purpose "is to provide substantive linkage between Vancouver's universities and the Hebrew University in areas of mutual understanding and compatibility.

"We're hoping to derive a better understanding of how countries adapt their social policies to deal with ethnic diversity," he said, adding that Canada and Israel, which are primarily immigrant societies, provide excellent case examples in this area.

The seminar is by invitation only and is jointly organized by the UBC's department of political science and by the Centre for Human Settlements in its faculty of graduate studies.

Organizers are hopeful the seminar presentations will be published, and that they will form the beginning of a continuing series of papers on issues of common interest.

Prof. Jean A. Laponce, who initiated the participation of the UBC department of political science, said: "There is a growing interest about ethnic studies in both Canada and Israel," adding that the Hebrew University's Program of Canadian Studies maintains active links with institutions across Canada.

The Canadian Studies Program, established by Ralph and Roz Halbert of Toronto, and the Government of Canada, is just completing its busiest year. Last September, it held the final leg of a 2-stage Jerusalem conference on "Communications Policy in an Age of Global Communications." The conference attracted Israeli and Canadian academics, broadcasters, and policy makers.

Oberlander said he hopes that this seminar, being organized in Vancouver by the UBC departments, and by Simon Fraser University's department of sociology and anthropology, and school of criminology, will have similar results.

For more information, contact Prof. Oberlander in Vancouver (604) 228-5254; in Toronto, contact Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

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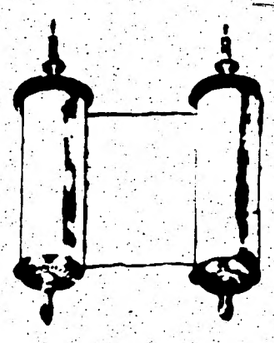

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Bo

The word of God is like a fire. The neshama of a Jew is like a burning fire.

Once a certain object went missing in the house of the Kotzker Rebbe, and it was feared stolen. The Kotzker heard about it, and shouted: "Stolen? How could it be stolen? It says in the Torah 'Lo tignov! Thou shalt not steal'!"

Said the saintly Sefat Emet: "At that time I was a youngster at the Kotzker. And when I heard him shout 'lo tignov,' the commandment stood before me like a pillar of fire."

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A Jew's task is to drive out darkness, and flood the world with light.

Consider . . . when Pharoah refused to release the Jews from bondage, Moses was commanded to lift his hand heavenwards, and bring deep darkness on Egypt.

No Egyptian could see, not even move.

Why not? Why not switch on a light, turn on a candle?

But there are two darknesses, explains the Sforno. Simple darkness is an absence of light. Turn on a bulb, and presto — the darkness is driven away.

But the darkness of Egypt was a new creation, a physical presence. No light could penetrate it, break through.

We live in a world of darkness, when so much of our morality and modesty and love and caring and attachments and family life and commitments to each other, to God, to Judaism, to parents are lost.

How shall we bring back the light?

But the Torah promises: "U'lichal bnay Yisrael hayah or bimoshvatam. . . . But all the Children of Israel had light in their dwellings."

What light? What dwellings?

Explains the Rizhiner Rebbe. Every Jew has a light in the dwelling of his neshama, his soul. There is a flame of holiness burning fiercely in every Jew.

But it is like a precious stone, like a diamond. Sometimes gold and diamonds can be under one's feet, mixed with mud and gravel — and we don't see, we don't know.

You take out the precious gem, polish and refine it, set it against velvet — and everyone sees. Here is a thing of beauty! Here is a beautiful neshama!

On every street in Toronto, in Hamilton, in Winnipeg, in Peterborough, and Owen Sound, in the smallest hamlets and in the wealthiest lakeside condominiums, is kedusha, is holiness, are Jewish neshamat seeking God, seeking light, seeking learning, seeking mitzvahs.

Who will do it — if not you, if not me?

Incidentally, there is a small, dedicated group in Toronto known as Aish Hatorah, doing wonderful work in this field. They deserve our admiration and support. . . .

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Every person means well. A rabbi wanted to hide a $10 bill before Shabbat in the synagogue. He slipped it into a Bible on the page with the words "Thou shalt not steal." After Shabbat he checked the page and the money was gone! He turned the pages and found $5 on the page that read: "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Shabbat Shalom, May all the ill become well, Amen!

Future community leader

Purim cards to aid Ethiopian oleh

TORONTO —

Purim cards are once again being sold here to support the education of an Ethiopian oleh who will some day be a community leader.

The Educational Fund for Ethiopian Jewry, chaired by Maxine Blendis, is raising funds for Abraham Inberin, his wife Malka and children Chananya, Sarah and Yacov.

"He is our Toronto man, our responsibility," says Blendis who began the organization about 2½ years ago after returning from Israel where she also worked on behalf of Ethiopian Jews.

The education fund feeds into Amichai (in Israel), an organization devoted to integrating Ethiopian olim and satisfying their religious needs.

Two ex-Torontonians, Harvey Weinberg and Ben Grossman, sit on the board of Amichai and act as advisors, says Blendis.

For now Amichai is concentrating on support for the heads of households. But Blendis says it is also looking to establish the Etgar program, which will integrate vocational training, military service and a modern halachic education for younger individuals.

To emphasize the positive impact these programs can have on the new immigrants, Blendis points to the story of "Toronto's man."

Inberin was born in 1954 in Marava, about 200 km from Gondar, and when not working in the fields, studied with his father, then with a kes (spiritual leader equivalent to a rabbi), and finally in a yeshiva until about age 18.

Abraham married Malka at a young age and continued to study. But at age 25, was forced to leave Marava and move to Chovar because the Christian land owners forcibly took back land his father had paid for, says Blendis.

In Chovar, Abraham began to work as a teacher in an ORT school and heard about the possibility of aliya.

So he and his wife left on a harrowing journey through the desert for 30 days to Sudan. During that trip Abraham and about 200 other Jews in the party were robbed, abandoned by their guards and left without food or water.

Left mother, brothers

But fortune smiled on the hapless party. They convinced three fishermen (a Christian, a Moslem and a Jew) to accompany them on the rest of their travels.

However, when he got to Sudan, Abraham and his family had to wait about a year and eight months before he was able to finally get to Israel in November 1981.

He had to leave behind his mother and two brothers who were caught trying to escape from Ethiopia.

Abraham Inberin is seen here with his wife Malka and children (from left) Channanya, Sarah and Yacov.

In Israel, Abraham studied in an ulpan and worked in a carpet factory. Since then, he has lived in Netanya where he studied at Yeshiva Mevaseret Zion, started his army service, and now studies at Machon Meir from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with the intention of becoming a teacher.

The only source of funding he has to operate his modest 2-bedroom apartment and allow him full time study comes from Toronto, says Blendis.

To provide continued support for the Inberins, (for three years) and to expand their assistance, the group of 15 volunteers is again selling Purim cards.

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Loves the political process

Kwinter enjoys "lost and found" department

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

When Monte Kwinter decided to enter provincial politics 2½ years ago the last thing he expected was to wind up in the government's "lost and found" department. Yet, in his dual portfolios as minister of consumer and commercial relations and minister of financial institutions that is exactly what this former community leader and businessman is doing.

After almost 19 months since being elected in the predominantly Jewish riding of Wilson Heights, Kwinter says he now enjoys and is comfortable with the Ontario Legislature and his job as a minister. However, that wasn't always the case, he pointed out.

"I recall the very first day that I was in my seat, the first day the House convened when we were still in Opposition and I suddenly looked around and said 'what am I doing here, how did this happen to me?' Now of course, I'm very comfortable in the House and find that all members of the House, regardless of their political affiliation, are well meaning, responsible people and it is a very nice environment."

Kwinter said having been "on the edge of public life" prior to entering the political arena, he easily adjusted to the hectic pace of a politician's life. What he found different was the pace of the political process itself. While surprised at the how long it takes to pass legislation, Kwinter said there probably isn't a more efficient way of doing things as it is important to the democratic process that all MPPs have their say.

Prior to entering the Legislature, the minister's hectic pace included serving as chairman of Toronto Harbor Commission, chairman of the Toronto Humane Society, serving as a member of the conservation authority and vice-president of the Ontario College of Art. Kwinter said this diversity of effort helped him in dealing with his ministerial duties as his ministry is the most "far reaching" in the government.

The ministry of consumer and corporate relations ("in Ontario we have relations, in Ottawa they have affairs," Kwinter said in explaining the difference between his ministry and that of his federal counterpart) regulates 78 unrelated acts all dealing with consumer protecton.

They include liquor legislation, the securities commission, the stock exchange, loan and trust companies, the film review board, the racing and athletic commission, the lottery commission, the cemeteries act, the elevating devices act, the amusement devices act, the fuel handling act, the condominium act, the bread sales act and the registration of marriages, births and deaths.

Monte Kwinter

"I often call it the lost and found of the government," said Kwinter. "On any given day I will get a question in the House and it comes from anywhere, so from that point of view it is a very exciting portfolio. Because of the diversity of my background I'm very comfortable with it and I like the action."

Kwinter added that if Premier David Peterson were to shuffle his cabinet, he would be pleased to continue in his present job, despite the busy schedule.

On a typical day Kwinter is picked up no later than 7.45 a.m. at his home and is in his office just 15 minutes later. While every day is different, Kwinter said he has to be in the House when it is sitting and has to be present at Question Period every afternoon at 1.30, a process he described as a "shooting gallery."

Kwinter said that on the average he has to answer at least three questions and on the odd occasion when he doesn't get a question he feels like the "Maytag repairman."

Two days a week Kwinter is on "House duty" which requires him to be in the Legislature from 1.30 to 6; Wednesday mornings he's off to the weekly cabinet meeting.

Kwinter also sits on four cabinet committees — legislation, regulations, emergency planning and justice — whose meetings he has to attend and every Tuesday morning he has a policy meeting with his ministry staff.

On top of this, Kwinter said he usually gives three or four speeches a week, meets with constituents and groups and travels around Ontario and abroad.

"Every minute of the day is totally accounted for," he said. "I already have bookings for May next year."

Being Ontario's only Jewish cabinet member also keeps Kwinter on the go. (Elinor Caplan was forced to resign from cabinet over conflict of interest allegations.) However as Kwinter likes to point out, he is no "johnny-come-lately to the Jewish community," having served as founding president of Toronto Regional Council of B'nai B'rith 20 years ago and having been on the joint community relations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress-B'nai B'rith.

"Because of that long involvement I have personal contact with many leaders in the Jewish community," said Kwinter, a member of Holy Blossom Temple. "Now that I am a cabinet minister they see this as an important linkage where they have someone to come to on a personal basis with their concerns.

"I'm proud of the fact that I'm a representative of the Jewish community and that a representative of the Jewish community is represented in the cabinet," he added.

In spite of his busy schedule, Kwinter said he loves the political process and will run in the next election, which he expects to take place sometime this year after the political accord with the New Democratic Party expires in June.

"I enjoy the ability to effect change. That is something that is a privilege given to very few people and that is something I find very satisfying and exhilarating. I love every minute of it."

Kwinter's enthusiasm is shared by his family. He said his four children — Richard, 29, Robert, 27, Lisa, 25, and Kathryn, 22 — get a lot of pleasure from his success. He pointed out that his youngest daughter has never even seen him in a political role as she attends school in Israel.

Kwinter said his wife Wilma is also very supportive and she accompanies him two or three nights a week and on the weekends when he has to make speeches. All in all it means that his total social life revolves around his ministerial duties.

"It is an exciting time for my wife. She also shares and gets a lot of naches from it. The reception I'm getting is excellent so she shares that."

If he had to do it over, Kwinter said he would have no hesitation, explaining that when he got the nomination in September 1984 he did not expect the Liberals to win the coming election. At the time William Davis was Premier and the Conservative government was riding high in the polls at 55%. ("If Davis had stayed on as Premier, there would have been a continuing Conservative government.") However, he said then-Oppostion leader David Peterson convinced him he could make a valuable contribution to the party.

As a result of what Kwinter termed "a fluke of history" the Liberals wound up forming the government and Kwinter was thrust into the government and wound up in the cabinet after a brief stint on the Oppostion benches.

Kwinter said his time as an Opposition MPP gave him the opportunity to see how the government responds to questions and he learned how the House works.

"I remember the first time I asked a question and it was pretty funny. I read it exactly from the question that was prepared for me (by the question period committee) and it was a question for then-treasurer Bette Stephenson. I said she had misled the public and that is a no-no. You can not tell a member they have misled. That is a polite way of saying they lied, but I was not aware of that at the time.

"Suddenly everybody starting yelling and screaming at me to withdraw and the Speaker asked me to withdraw the question. I didn't know why I had to withdraw the question and then it was pointed out to me that I was not allowed to say mislead. So I changed it to say inadvertantly misled and that was acceptable."

Today, of course, Kwinter understands the House and is well briefed by his ministry staff. While admitting it can be a trying time unless you feel comfortable, Kwinter said he feels comfortable and looks forward to the House action.

"I enjoy answering questions as it allows me to put my point of view forward and to get into the record what we are doing about things."

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Organizations and People

Draw on Jewish expertise

ORT projects helping Blacks in South Africa

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —
ORT is alive and well and living up to its name — Organization for Rehabititation through Training — in South Africa.

Judge Richard Goldstone, here on a side trip from a recent American ORT Federation conference and on his way to the Congress of World ORT (the parent body) in Basel, Switzerland, discussed three of the main projects apart from fundraising.

The honorary life president of the South African ORT Committee, who is also a member of the executive committee of the world body, said the first is the ORT Technical Business Advice Bureau.

"ORT has drawn on the expertise within the Jewish community and can offer free technical, legal and accounting assistance to small businessmen," the justice of the South African Supreme Court said.

"It's non-racial but so far all of the people who have sought help are Blacks," he said, adding that this term includes Asians and those of mixed blood.

Those seeking help from the store-front operation must be referred by a social service agency or a chartered accountancy firm as the bureau doesn't want to be seen as competition for private business.

The second project, which is just getting off the ground, has ORT working in cooperation with NICRO (the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders). To the best of Goldstone's knowledge this is the first time a Jewish organization has worked on a joint venture of this magnitude with a non-Jewish group in South Africa.

The judge, a former president of NICRO, said the purpose is to raise funds to pay for vocational and technical schools with the idea of helping train many Black youngsters who've dropped out of school.

"The idea is that the money is given to the community so it can organize programs to suit its own needs," he said. "It has to be done this way because if it isn't, people won't feel it's theirs and the program won't work."

Goldstone said that project netted $100,000 or half the proceeds from a special Women of Our Times fundraising luncheon sponsored by a Johannesburg newspaper in which 84 women were honored.

"It's only a drop in the bucket — it's enough to get the project off the ground but it will need millions."

Since traditionally fundraising dollars are sent to the World ORT body for programs in Israel, the monies needed to build the schools and supply the equipment he sees as coming from industrialists in South Africa and possibly from overseas organizations and corporations.

For instance, he said, a carmaker who needs well-trained mechanics would likely be willing to donate to the program to ensure the quality of staff in the future.

Judge Richard Goldstone and his wife Noleen (far left) were in Toronto recently to publicize ORT activities in their native South Africa. Pictured with them, left to right, are: Dorothy Shoichet, vice-president World ORT Union; Harriet Morton, president, Women's Canadian ORT; and Marilyn Somers, president, Toronto Region.

Judaic studies program

"People will have the best possible training."

Another project, in cooperation with the Hebrew University in Israel, is the creation of a Jewish studies department at the English-speaking University of the Witwatersrand. The judge said the 4-year program, in the planning stages for two years, will commence in February 1988. Third-year students will study at the Hebrew University.

About 8,000 students are enrolled at Witswatersrand and of these 18• are Black. For the most part, the Black students had completed high school before the commencement of the recently resolved 2-year-old school boycotts, which only affected government-run schools predominantly in non-urban areas.

Goldstone said that about 8,500 of South Africa's 120,000 Jewish population belong to ORT. He called that country's Jewish community "in a sense a pro-Zionist community. To a South African, if you're Jewish, you're a Zionist. He doesn't seem to understand you can be one without the other."

About 85% of South African Jews belong to a synagogue. Of these, 80% go to Orthodox synagogues and 20% to Reform. There is no Conservative movement there.

The Supreme Court judge has been involved with recent judicial decisions which have improved the racial situation in South Africa.

"The courts over the years have given decisions in favor of the individual in relation to civil rights and during the recent emergency laws, orders were made for the release of detainees ... where there's no reasonable cause under those laws for their detention."

Goldstone said that although only a small percentage of the court's time is related to political issues, these are the ones that receive publicity.

When asked if this was good or bad, he replied both.

"It's good in that it demonstrates the independence of the judges in South Africa but it also gives a misperception as to the work of the court."

With regard to racial discrimination, the judge said too few white South Africans have any social contact with Black South Africans. As a consequence, there is "a great deal of irrational fear" of one for the other. This is also true of the Jewish community, which he terms "a small minority within a minority."

Goldstone said many whites and Black South Africans reject racial discrimination.

"It's difficult to understand how any Jew can remain neutral with regard to discrimination because of our own history," he said.

"There are many political problems in South Africa which make it politically difficult to bring about a democratic society but I don't believe it justifies an attempt to justify discrimination from a moral point of view," he said. "If you can't do away with something, you tend to justify it.

"There is a duty upon Jewish communities everywhere to encourage South African Jewry to reject a policy of neutrality and, for moral reason, and even for selfish reason, to become involved in bridge-building and in preparing themselves and other white South Africans for the new South African society of tomorrow."

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Organizations and People

Soviet Jews find life "tough"

BB lodge helps emigrants

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —
Alexander Cooperman considers himself one of the lucky ones.

He's 32, a husband and father of two, employed in the chemistry department at the University of Toronto while working on his doctorate in that field.

Cooperman's also a Soviet Jew whose first application to emigrate in 1979 was granted.

The last massive wave of emigration occurred in that year. Only a few short months later, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan and Soviet relations with the United States — which many experts feel has a direct tie to emigration — became as frosty as a winter day in Siberia.

By then Cooperman, his pregnant wife and son, were safely nestled in the warmth of Italy where they stayed for six months before emigrating to Canada.

But in a recent interview, he recalled the 2-year wait to get his answer from OVIR, the Soviet emigration office.

"We tried to bother them as much as possible so they'd know we weren't going to just sit and wait," he said. "It's gambling but the Soviets want you to sit still. They want to frighten people so they can manipulate them more easily."

Cooperman, who was involved in Jewish cultural activities, recounted one dramatic event where more than 100 Jews went with letters in hand to ask officials to speed up the emigration process.

"If you do things like that you can become someone they either let out or who they harass even more."

He and a friend who worked in the same lab in Moscow applied for an exit visa at the same time. Cooperman, who had no immediate family in the West, was granted a visa while his friend who had immediate family in Israel, was refused as he has been at least three other times.

Cooperman calls the new emigration law, which became effective Jan. 1, worrying.

"In good times (before 1979), it didn't matter who you had an invitation from — you could leave. The new law states that it must be a first-degree relation (parents, siblings or children)."

About a year ago, Cooperman helped organize the Shalom Aleichem Lodge of B'nai B'rith, which boasts a membership of more than 50, all of whom are Soviet emigrants.

Their purpose is twofold — to help fellow emigrants adjust to life in Canada and to be a support to their brethren in the Soviet Union.

"People who have been here a while know what the emigrants need and what they left behind," he said. "In the beginning, people are homesick and, if they're having trouble, we are ready to help them."

Cooperman said Soviet citizens "are not trained to think or support themselves — the government tries to take care of everything."

He said those 50 Soviet Jews who recently left New York to return to Moscow remarked that they couldn't get used to being independent.

"They say it's tough life here — you have to pay your own bills and find your own employment."

The chemist also said that "a lot of people don't remember the bad things after they've been away — they only remember the good such as the family and friends they left behind."

Age is another factor in the success of an emigrant acclimatizing himself to Canada. If the person is over 60, then he or she probably doesn't speak English and feels isolated. If they're not religious, which many aren't because the state frowned upon any religion, it can be lonely.

He said younger people have some misunderstand of what they have to do to adjust to society here and that's where the lodge comes in.

"To fight something you have to know what's involved. Each case is different. We talk to them and help them adjust."

Alexander Cooperman

He stressed that the socalled migration back to the Soviet Union has been taken out of perspective. Only 10 families from Toronto have returned to Moscow and in New York, although the number (50) is greater, the proportion is much smaller because of the size of the Jewish community.

Cooperman, who understands the concept of homesickness, said he never felt any pangs when he left and the thought of wanting to return is foreign to him.

"It's unnatural."

As for the lodge's work on behalf of their brethren in Russia, members write letters and make telephone calls indicating their support and hope that all who want out may eventually get out.

"There is a lot of talk here about (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev's reforms in the Soviet Union — there probably are reforms but not much has changed for the Jews I knew in Refusal," he said.

"It's important to understand change for the good in the Soviet Union is for Soviet good — it doesn't mean Jews will be better off," he added. "Any struggle for power could be potentially dangerous to the Jews. They historically explain problems away and take the steam off the issue by blaming Jews. They're a convenient scapegoat for the government."

Cooperman spoke of a movement in the Soviet Union of about 800 young Refuseniks and activists who consider themselves Israeli citizens held captive.

"They are desperate people and in immediate danger. The state is very anti-semitic and it's a strange situation that the government can't permit to last for long.

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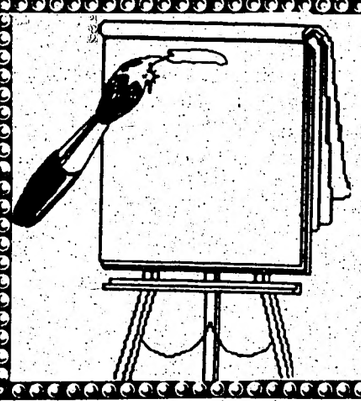

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Organizations and People

Higher prices feared

Seniors challenge proposed generic drug bill

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
In 1985 seniors' groups banded together and forced the federal government to back down from its plan to deindex pensions. Senior citizens' organizations are again beginning to raise their voices — this time over proposed changes to the federal government's Drug Patent Act.

Introduced Nov. 7, 1986, Bill C-22 would give all new drugs coming onto the Canadian market 10 years of protection against lower-priced generic prescription drugs. The bill would also create a price review board that would monitor the industry and drug prices.

Under the existi law, Canadian drug co panies can produce gene drugs — drugs whicl are the chemical equivalent of brand name drugs — by paying a 4% royalty to the brand name drug manufacturer.

The Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations, an umbrella group representing all of Ontario's senior citizens including the Association of Jewish Seniors, recently submitted a brief to the legislative committee studing Bill C-22 coming out against the Conservative government's proposed legislation. In it the coalition says that the changes will reduce the availability of low-cost alternative generic drugs and will result in an increase in the price of brand name drugs.

While multinational drug companies have pledged to spend $1.4 billion in new investment in Canada during the next decade in return for the drug legislation, the OCSCO has criticized the government for failing to institute a system to ensure that such research investment is actually forthcoming. The brief states that if drug firms are willing to commit that amount of money, they must be expecting a "massive" increase in profits which will come from higher prices.

"It defies both logic and credibility to provide a guaranteed legal monopoly on drugs without, at the same time, guaranteeing some benefits to Canadians who must pay inflated monopoly prices," the organization argues.

Examining the role of the Drug Prices Review Board, OCSCO states that the board will be powerless to determine if introductory prices for new drugs are justified.

As well as an increase in drug prices, OCSCO states that the legislation will result in a net loss of 6,000 jobs after 3,000 new jobs promised by multinational drug companies are created. The OCSCO claims the new jobs will not be in the high technology field as no manufacturing will be done in Canada.

Unless the government changes its legislation, OCSCO says direct payment costs for drugs will rise, private insurance plans will have to increase premiums and provincial taxes will be forced to rise to continue public drug benefit plans.

These changes will hit senior citizens the hardest, the brief states, as they could force the provincial government to alter its Drug Benefit Plan which provides prescription drugs free of charge to seniors.

Video includes Shabbat scene

Multiculturalism drive starts

TORONTO —
David Crombie, federal minister responsible for multiculturalism, recently launched a $500,000 advertising campaign in the multilingual media designed to promote multiculturalism as part of the fabric of Canadian society.

The campaign theme, Canada — This is My Home, will begin immediately in ethnic newspapers, television and radio outlets and in the mainstream media in late March. The video prepared for television depicts people from all cultures at work and play and includes a Jewish family enjoying a traditional Shabbat dinner.

Crombie told members of the ethnic media at a recent press conference that it is appropriate that Canadians recognize that society is no longer composed of "two soltitudes, and others" but of a family of citizens, equal in all respects.

"Multiculturalism means equality of all Canadians," Crombie said, pointing out that it was appropriate to launch the campaign during the 40th anniversary of the Citizenship Act.

"We want to emphasize and encourage good citizenship, in the sense of being an active participant in the affairs of the community and the country — you don't have to be a native born, or naturalized, Canadian to be a good citizen — even the newest arrival can have a significant and valid contribution to make to his or her community," the minister added.

Israel's UN envoy to be here for launching of youth program

TORONTO —
Israel's UN ambassador, Benjamin Netanyahu, will kick off a special campaign on Feb. 8 designed to entice young people to spend a year studying or working in Israel.

Netanyahu, editor of a recent book on countering terrorism, will speak about current issues facing Israel and the country's position on the international scene.

According to Albert Benabou, executive director of Youth & Hechalutz, Canadian Zionist Federation, a number of information booths will be set up at the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue both before and after Netanyahu's address. All Israeli universities will be represented as will the World Union of Jewish Students, which will display a booth describing its institute in Arad and other organizations offering the chance to work in Israel.

The purpose is to convince young Torontonians to commit themselves to sherut l'am — service in and for Israel that doubles as working experience in the participant's chosen field.

This is the first time in Canada that such a comprehensive campaign will be conducted, said Benabou. Canada has about 1,200 people participating in summer programs in Israel, he said, but the goal of this campaign is to strengthen participation in year-long programs.

"Netanyahu will say, 'chaverim kadimah, make it real, go to Israel for one year.' " Benabou stated.

Netanyahu's Toronto visit and address, which is open to the public, is sponsored by Youth & Hechalutz, Israel Aliya Centre, Network Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, in cooperation with Canadian Universities Bureau, NAHON, York University Jewish Student Federation and Jewish Student Union B'nai B'rith Hillel Federation.

Netanyahu will speak at the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St., Feb. 8 at 7.30 p.m.

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Course brings Bible heroines under modern light

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Discovering our Matriarchs: Women in the Bible is the title of a 5-part course currently being taught until Feb. 23 at Holy Blossom Temple by Rabbi Deborah Brin, spiritual leader of Congregation Darchei Noam.

In the course, which began last week, Brin plans to focus on the implications of a patriarchal society, in which women were not only economically and socially disadvantaged, but were seen as innately inferior to men. She wants to show the creative and often courageous way in which they coped with their difficult environments and situations.

After the introductory session, the class was to discuss the two different creation stories told in Genesis, particularly examining the relationship between Adam and Eve, and between each of them and Lilith, an apocryphal character seen in legend as the original wife of Adam.

Brin sees Eve as "a woman struggling to respond to her environment with curiosity, a sense of adventure and assertiveness." Feminist literature, she says, sees Adam's behavior as docile and dependent.

The stories of the matriarchs Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, and those of the concubines Hagar, Zilpah and Bilhah, will illustrate the position of "wife" in biblical society, in contrast with that of "concubine." Their jealousies, rivalries and struggles for power that arose in societies where a woman was seen mainly as an adjunct to her husband will also be studied.

Brin will also discuss what it meant to be barren in a society where a woman's status depended on having children (especially male ones) and was considered totally responsible for a couple's infertility.

The rabbi will use the stories of Dinah and Tamar from Genesis to illustrate the biblical view of such matters as rape and prostitution. There are many questions that interest her: For instance, what happened to Dinah after Jacob's sons murdered her rapist and his family, and where Tamar got the courage to deal with the broken promises of Judah in a "creative way — she used the system to get her needs met."

She points out that for Judah, a wealthy and influential leader, to admit to a childless widow, considered socially "lower than the low" that "she is more righteous than I" is nothing short of amazing.

The same session will highlight Shifrah and Puah, the midwives who "committed the first act of civil disobedience" by circumventing pharaoh's order to murder all Hebrew boys born in Egypt.

The final lecture is entitled Images of Independent Women. It will present "positive images of strong, independent women who were valued for themselves": Deborah, prophet and judge; Miriam, prophet and leader, will be included along with Hannah, the mother of Samuel, who "showed us the meaning of prayer."

A little-known character who will appear in this lecture is Huldah the prophetess. When the Book of Deuteronomy is rediscovered during the reign of Josiah (II Kings, 22), after being forgotten for many years, it is to Huldah that the priests and king turn for proof of its significance and divinity.

Zachor: Recall Syrian Jews

MONTREAL —

The Jewish community in Canada is being urged to dedicate Shabbat Zachor, March 14, to Jews in Arab lands.

Saleh Mukamal, chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress National Committee for Jews in Arab Lands, is calling upon all rabbis to dedicate their sermons on this day to the plight of Jews in Arab countries and to offer prayers for the release of the 4,500 Jews held captive in Syria.

Shabbat Zachor is also the yahrzeit of four young Jewish girls' murder in 1974 while they attempted to escape from Damascus and the horrors of life in Syria, the CJC committee said in a statement.

Three sisters, Mazel, Laura and Farah Sebbagh, and their cousin Eva Saad hired a guide to take them through the mountains into Lebanon. Instead, he led them into a trap at the border. The girls were arrested, raped and murdered. Their mutilated bodies were stuffed into sacks and thrown into their parents' home.

This is also a Shabbat of remembrance of the brutal massacres in December 1983 of the pregnant Lillian Abadi and her 6-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter.

"Jews in Arab lands are a contemporary tragedy," the CJC committee said. "They are not permitted to leave their countries, many are denied the right of Jewish education, and they practice their Judaism at great personal risk. Worst of all, they are virtually cut off from communication with the Jewish world outside."

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Organizations and People

CJC Ontario Region says:

Appeal the Zundel case to Canada's top court

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region would like the attorney-general to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada the recent judgment of the Ontario Court of Appeal which ordered a new trial for propagandist Ernst Zundel (CJN Jan. 29).

"The Supreme Court of Canada is the final arbiter and we don't consider the matter closed," Charles Zaionz, regional chairman, told The CJN.

Congress officials were scheduled to meet with officials of the attorney-general's department last last week to discuss the matter.

Referring to the unanimous 5-man judgment of the Court of Appeal, Rose Wolfe, chairperson of Congress' Joint Community Relations Committee, said the court found the "false news" section of the Criminal Code is a valid instrument for criminal prosecution of propagandists who lie about the Holocaust.

Zundel, at one time a distributor of anti-semitic material on an international scale, was convicted in February 1985 for publishing a pamphlet that claimed the Holocaust was a hoax perpetrated by Jews to extract reparations from West Germany. His appeal of his conviction and 15-month jail sentence was upheld recently by the Court of Appeal, which ruled the trial judge erred in the jury selection process, the admissibility of evidence and in his charge to the jury.

The appeal court ordered a new trial. However, it's up to the Crown to determine whether it should appeal the judgment, proceed with a new trial or stay proceedings and let the matter drop. That decision was expected shortly, perhaps after The CJN went to press with this issue.

A lively discussion of Congress' position in the Zundel case was held at the recent monthly meeting of Congress' Ontario Region, however the off-the-record comments cannot be reported.

According to Wolfe, Congress will continue to study its options on a day-to-day basis.

In other business, Victor Goldbloom, executive vice-president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, told the meeting that despite the fallout from the recent visit of John Cardinal O'Connor to Israel, "there is real progress" in Catholic-Jewish relations.

O'Connor was criticized by American Jewish organizations for failing to recognize Israel's equitable administration of Jerusalem, for not understanding all sides of the Palestinian issue and for his comments that the Holocaust "may be an enormous gift that Judaism has given the world" (CJN Jan. 29).

Goldbloom said recent years have seen the development of a readiness, trust and "willingness to talk about anti-semitism and the roots and reasons for it and the interpretation of Christian scriptures in the long history of anti-semitism."

Goldbloom said a book is distributed among all Catholic priests advising them not to interpret gospel readings appropriate to Easter as condemnations of all Jews in Jesus' time, let alone Jews today.

Referring to a number of Catholic theologians, Goldbloom noted there are many "people of goodwill" who are reexamining Jewish-Catholic relations. He cautioned that if the benefits of modern scholarship don't filter down to the grassroots level where priests teach catechism in school, then all the good relations at the upper levels of the Catholic hierarchy will not make a significant impact on feelings towards Jews.

Goldbloom said there were fewer instances of the accusation of deicide against Jews than before, but something "subtler and equally pernicious" has arisen: the attitude that when Christianity arose, Judaism became "fossilized." He said the belief that Jews' notions of covenant, land and peoplehood were superceded by a new covenant is being addressed.

He noted Canada is the only country that at the national level maintains formal relations between Catholic bishops and organizations and a national Jewish group — Congress.

There is a "frankness and trust that can be built on," he said.

In other business, Patti Starr, chairperson of the grants committee, reported on efforts to obtain government funds for Congress programs.

She said the committee's mandate is to seek funds and develop a cadre of people able to tap into and lobby for available government funding programs.

Starr told the meeting that among the committee's activities is an application to the Province of Ontario for an events and festivities grant of $10,000 for an upcoming regional conference in Kitchener, $35,000 for an education video to sensitize the Sudbury community to Jewish traditions, as well as applications at the municipal and federal levels for other programs.

She said the committee is attempting to involve more people in learning how to obtain access to grant money.

Finding roots rabbi's topic

TORONTO —
Each of the 70 young women discovering Jewish roots at Chabad House in St. Paul, Minnesota, has a fascinating story to tell, according to its director. He will give the keynote address at the Lubavitch Women's League convention here, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 22.

The women's "backgrounds are as diverse as their past lifestyles," said Rabbi Manis Friedman. "Some are college graduates, PhDs among them. Others are high school dropouts. Some were involved with drugs; others flirted with the mystical beliefs of the Orient and the New Left."

At Chabad House — formally known as the Women's Institute of Jewish Studies — they are "replacing their aimlessness with a new sense of worth and personal dignity," Friedman told The Canadian Jewish News.

Chabad House in St. Paul and those in other parts of the U.S. and in London, Paris, Johannesburg, Milan, Melbourne and Jerusalem are under the ultimate direction of Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, spiritual leader of the Lubavitcher chassidim. They provide a "traditional Jewish setting and instruction for the wayward and untutored among Jewish youth without requiring them to adopt the chassidic lifestyle," said Friedman.

Friedman's statements were delivered to The CJN by Sandra Gewirtz, an organizer of the convention.

St. Paul's Chabad House, a 3-room mansion converted to a school and dormitory, offers spring, summer and winter sessions of two, 12 and six weeks, respectively.

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Canada Pension Plan changes affect couples

OTTAWA —

The Canada Pension Plan has amended its rules under which a couple may divide unadjusted pensionable earnings.

The changes, which became effective Jan. 1, extend coverage to the separation of legal spouses and the breakdown of common-law relationships, clarify and specify the implications of spousal agreements, and alter the application requirements.

Although the eligibility conditions differ depending on the situation, the one common denominator is that a spousal agreement signed prior to June 4, 1986 may preclude the division of CPP credits. However, the division may not be prevented by the terms of such an agreement signed on or after that date unless there is a provincial law which expressly permits it. To date, no province has such a law.

•If a couple divorced prior to Jan. 1. To be eligible, the couple must have lived together for at least 36 consecutive months and the application for a division must be made within 36 months of the decree absolute. Only the credits accumulated during the period of the marriage will be divided.

•If a couple divorces after Jan. 1. To be eligible, the couple must have lived together for at least 12 consecutive months. In this instance, no application is required as the division will be made as soon as the minister of Health and Welfare Canada has the necessary information. There is no time limit for its provision. The credits accumulated during the period the couple cohabited are subject to division.

•If a couple legally separates after Jan. 1. To be eligible, the couple must have lived together for at least 12 consecutive months and be separated for the same amount of time. In this instance, one of the spouses must apply for a division of credits accumulated during the period they cohabited. There is no time limit within which the application must be received.

•If common-law spouses separate after Jan. 1. To be eligible, a man and a woman must have lived in a conjugal relationship for at least 12 consecutive months. The separation must have lasted at least the same amount of time (or less in the event of death). One of the spouses must apply for the division of credits accumulated during the period the couple cohabited. The application must be made within four years of the date of the separation.

There are two exceptions to the new provisions: if the minister of Health and Welfare Canada is satisfied that it would be to the detriment of both spouses; and if one or both of the spouses contributed to the Quebec Pension Plan during the period of cohabitation unless a division is permitted under both the Quebec and Canada pension plans.

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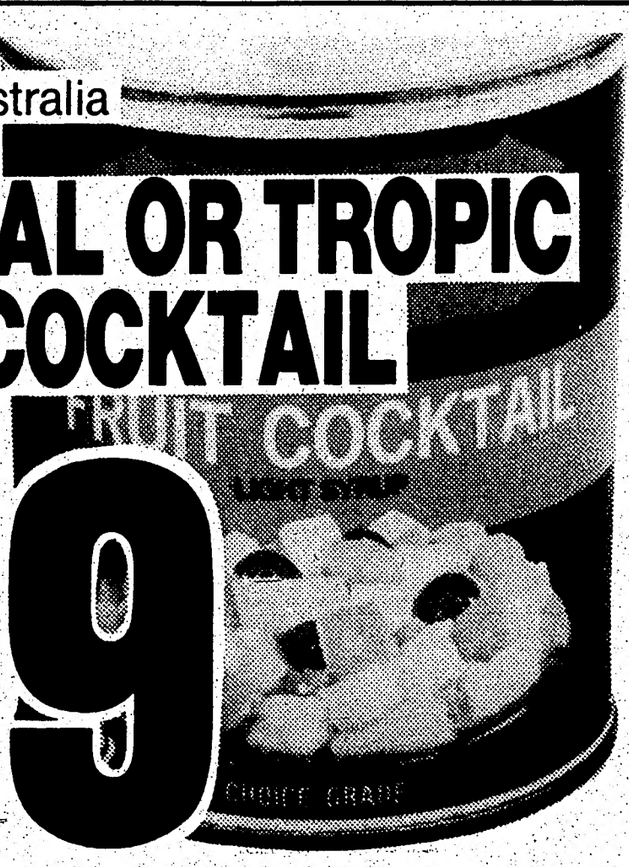

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Organizations and People

"Help us maintain the peace"

Bond reinvestment drive launched

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
"You helped us in time of war, now help us maintain the peace."

That was the message the world president and chief executive officer of State of Israel Bonds, General Yehuda Halevy, delivered here recently to about 50 community leaders and rabbis in launching Bonds' reinvestment campaign.

Speaking at a luncheon at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, the New York City-based Halevy, along with other Bond leaders, outlined plans for the reinvestment of Bonds purchased during the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Jews in Toronto were the largest per capita purchasers of Bonds in the world during the 1973 war, Halevy noted, and Israel has launched a campaign to have those Bonds reinvested instead of redeemed.

Bonds purchased in 1972 and 1973 come due this year and next. In 1988, over $400 million worth of Bonds internationally and $20 milllion in Toronto will mature. Because the redemption of these Bonds would constitute a large and sudden drain on the Israeli economy, Israel has requested the Bond organization to encourage the reinvestment of these instruments.

Gathering in Toronto to launch a campaign for the re-investment of State of Israel Bonds bought in 1973 are, from left, Toronto city director Larry Waller; Bonds' president and CEO General Yehuda Halevy; 1986 Toronto campaign chairman Alex Grossman and Bonds' national executive vice-president Julius Briskin. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]

Money stays in Israel

The plans call for campaigns across Canada that will culminate on Purim. After the reading of the megillah on Purim night, March 14, rabbis will ask their congregants to reinvest their old Bonds and all synagogues will be equipped to accept Bonds for re-investment. Prior to that, telethons will be conducted in which calls will be made to encourage bondholders to re-invest or to buy a new Bond.

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Halevy stressed the urgency of the re-investment campaign. "We are not asking you for rachmonis. You will never hear from me that we are desperate. We are saying, buy Bonds for yourself. Help to maintain the strength of Israel so that you will be strong, because as long as Israel is strong, all Jews will be strong.

"There's a difference between tzedakah and investing in Israel and being partners. Involvement is the key. For me, 1,000 people buying a $1,000 Bond each is more important than one person buying $2 million," said Halevy, a brigadier-general and 27-year army veteran appointed to head the Bonds organization in 1983.

Last year, Bonds worldwide collected a record $600 million and surpassed the $8 billion mark collected since 1951, the year of Bonds' inception.

Halevy said that because of austerity measures and sacrifices on the part of Israelis, Israel's inflation rate for 1986 was 20%, down from 150% in 1985 and a raging 500% the year before.

Bonds, he said, has been instrumental in providing Israel with essential development capital for roads, pipelines, factories, ports, and especially research in high-technology, in which Israel has become a world leader.

"Forty years ago, the world saw us as good only for the shmata business. Now, Israel is ranked in the top 10 in high-technology and second in knowhow in the world. That's how far we've come.

"We believe that the only way the Arabs will come to the negotiating table is if they know we have a strong economy. They know that militarily, there's no way to beat Israel, but they're praying and hoping that economically, Israel will be weak," Halevy said.

Although he said he couldn't elaborate, the general said that when the whole story of the 1985 rescue of Ethiopian Jews will be known, the saga of the 1976 Entebbe rescue will pale by comparison. And already, he added, there have been over 1,000 Ethiopian graduates of Israeli universities and recently, the Israeli air force welcomed its first Ethiopian pilot.

Halevy emphasized that Israel had nothing to do with financing the Contra rebels of Nicaragua, as alleged in the current Iran arms scandal in the United States, and that Israel will not allow itself to be made the scapegoat in the matter.

"The strength of Israel is its weapons," he stated, "but its weapons are not its guns and tanks, but our people, our commitment, our devotion, our determination and mostly, our love of the State of Israel. It's our secret weapon."

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Jews are urged to participate fully in politics

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
It is necessary for Jews to participate at all levels of politics, both as candidates and as workers for Jewish and non-Jewish candidates, says North York Controller Norm Gardner.

"Jewish politicians have to be perceived to be fair and to make decisions that despite the so-called side effects can be properly defended," Gardner said at a recent meeting of Petah Tikva Brotherhood.

Gardner, who was recently appointed to the Metro Toronto Police Commission, traced the history of Jews in Canadian politics back to 1807 when Ezekiel Hart was elected to the legislature of Lower Canada for Trois Rivieres.

However because French-speaking deputies regarded him as a member of the English faction, he could not take take the oath "on the true faith of a Christian," and was therefore prevented from taking his seat in the legislature the following year. Although reelected both in 1808 and 1809, he was prevented from being seated in the legislature.

Gardner said that while Jews got the right to sit in Parliament and hold public office as a result of civil rights legislation passed in 1832, it wasn't until 1871 that Henry Nathan was elected and took his seat in Parliament. He was the first and only Jew elected until 1917, 46 years later, when Samuel W. Jacobs was elected in the riding of Montreal-Cartier.

From then, only a few Jews held public office at the federal level until the 1960s, including Sam Factor in 1930 and David Croll in 1945, representing Toronto West Center (later Spadina).

"The only way for a Jew to get elected was to represent a predominantly Jewish riding," Gardner said.

This changed in 1968 when six Jewish members of Parliament were elected with only one — David Orlikow of Winnipeg — representing a Jewish constituency. The others were Herb Gray of Windsor, Max Saltsman of Galt, Jack Marshall of Newfoundland and Barney Danson and Robert Kaplan of Toronto.

Gardner also pointed out that a number of Jews have made names for themselves at the municipal level in the past including Nathan Phillips of Toronto and David Croll, who was elected mayor of Windsor at the age of 30.

"So Jews have had an opportunity to attain public office, in spite of some anti-semitism. Despite tough competition Jews have been given an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to serve the public and to prove themselves."

Focusing on his own municipality — the City of North York — Gardner said he has heard charges in the past that there were too many Jews on council. As well as a "popular" Jewish mayor at its helm for over the past decade, there are presently three Jews on the Board of Control and two Jewish aldermen.

Gardner said that one of the most "consummate politicians" ever to come out of North York was Paul Godfrey, a man who "did his homework, got his vote by constantly keeping in touch with people."

He also singled out Judge Phil Givens as one of his "political heros." During his political career, Givens served on Toronto's school board, the city council, was mayor of Toronto, served as an MP in Ottawa and as an MPP in the provincial legislature. Upon retiring from provincial politics, Givens served as chairman of the Metro Toronto Police Commission.

CIC to "sensitize" radio staff

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
The Canada-Israel Committee plans to "sensitize" the news staff of CJRT radio to Jewish concerns about a 4-part series on the Palestinians that rankled some listeners.

The four 15-minute episodes of "The United Nations and the Palestinian People," were aired in late January as part of News Journal which starts at 1 p.m. and is hosted by Alex Baran.

The programs were written and presented by Donn Bobb and produced by United Nations Radio in the fall of 1986, says CJRT news manager Earl Toppings.

Toppings said the station did not consider the material inflammatory, and noted that Baran regularly uses UN programs, "mostly because he is an internationalist himself, and is interested in international affairs.

"I don't think he anticipated any difficulty," says Toppings who adds there were no "serious complaints," only a desire for discussion.

However, CIC director of communications, Serge Tittley, said calls of concern had been placed to the provincially assisted radio station, CIC and Canadian Jewish Congress.

Tittley hesitated to comment further on the situation until CIC had thoroughly reviewed transcripts and spoke with the news staff, but said the series was "rather questionable in terms of its content.

"I think using Zehdi Labib Terzi, the permanent observer of the PLO at the UN as the objective observer of the Palestinian refugee problem, is hardly conducive to providing a comprehensive overview of the difficult issue which is that of Palestinian refugees."

Toppings notes that each program was preceded by an announcement that it reflected the views of the countries involved in making the series.

"We on our end want news to be presented fairly," Toppings emphasized. "It's a part of the world that is extremely hard to get balance and objectivity on."

Asked if CJRT would make time available for a dissenting viewpoint, Toppings said: "Yes, not only by way of an alternative viewpoint, but a clarification. We wouldn't see it as a piece of contradiction, but as an enlightenment.

"We didn't see it in any way from the outside as a confrontation. We are concerned as you are about getting accurate information about the Middle East."

Asked if CIC would make use of such air time if it were available, Tittley said: "What we're interested in is the sensitizing of CJRT about the issue . . . not in counter programming.

"I expect this to be done in a very cooperative manner. The people at CJRT were very concerned about finding out about our views."

Coupon booklet to aid needy kids in Ontario

TORONTO —
Some 1.8 million Ontario homes will receive a coupon booklet this week enabling families to save on 57 consumer products and, at the same time, help needy children in the province.

The food industry in Ontario has designated February Cash for Kids month and for the seventh time since the program began in 1981, the Variety Club of Ontario's charities for needy children will benefit. Over $3 million has been raised by the Cash for Kids program since 1981.

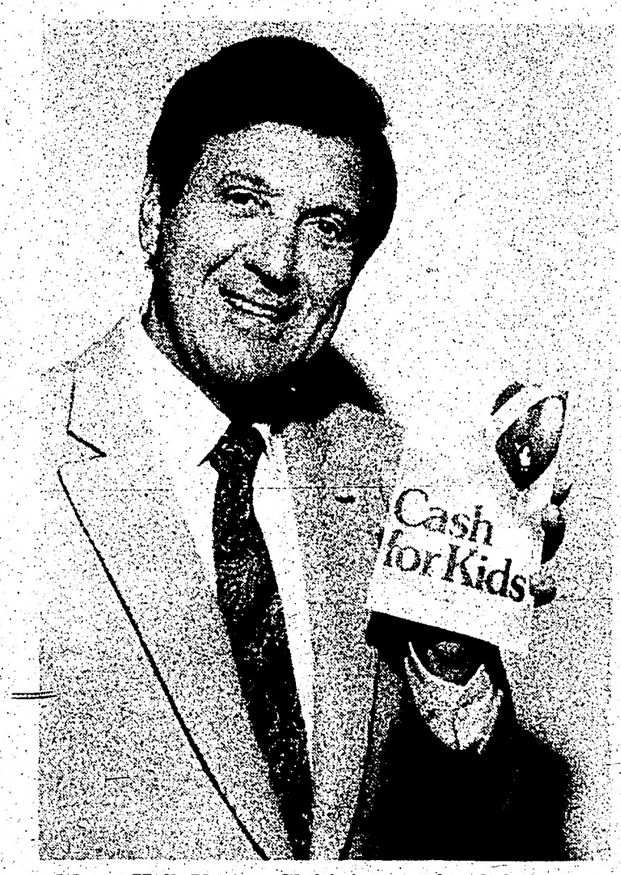
Principal beneficiaries of the program will again be six perinatal centres for "high risk" moms and babies located at: Chedoke-McMaster Hospital in Hamilton; Kingston General Hospital; St. Joseph's Hospital, London; Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Ottawa; Sudbury General Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto.

The Cash for Kids booklet, which contains 57 "cents-off" coupons, offers discounts on well-known brands available at over 700 participating Ontario supermarkets and convenience stores.

Each time a consumer uses a coupon, the manufacturer of the brand donates 15 cents, on the consumer's behalf, to Variety Club of Ontario. By waiving their normal administrative costs on redeemed coupons, retailers will also be making a substantial contribution.

Robert Brema, chairman of the Cash for Kids executive committee says: "Total savings offered the consumer in each booklet amount to over $15, but if each of the families receiving the booklet used only seven coupons, almost $1.9 million would be raised for Variety Club children's charities."

This year, besides funds for the work of the six perinatal centres, over $400,000 will go for the purchase of 15 Variety Sunshine coaches for Ontario communities. The vehicles transport special children to and from outings, schools and therapy sessions at hospitals. Many of the coaches will be equipped with hydraulic lifts to accommodate children in wheelchairs.



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2-track approach advocated

CJC hopes for Merchant of Venice guidelines

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress is hoping a review by the Human Rights Commission on how to teach the controversial Merchant of Venice in Toronto schools will result in guidelines limiting the play to upper grades.

Once the guidelines are out, and if they are appropriate, Congress expects local schools will adopt them, said Bernie Farber, director of research for the Joint Community Relations Committee of Congress.

Farber, speaking recently at a breakfast meeting at the Beth Sholom Synagogue, said the problems associated with the teaching of the Merchant of Venice have been ongoing for several years resulting in acts of anti-semitism and racial slurs against Jewish students.

School boards across the province have received complaints from parents about children affected by the Shakespearian play. Some children complained of being called "dirty Jew" while one girl in Kitchener found her desk covered with swastikas after the play was studied.

The controversy was highlighted last summer when Kitchener schools temporarily suspended teaching of the play pending the HRC recommendations. Meanwhile in Ottawa, the local school board, parents and teachers resolved the issue by agreeing to teach the play only in grades 11-13 where students are better able to deal with the issues it raises, Farber told The CJN.

Ottawa has also initiated a special course for teachers to sensitize them to the problems raised by the play and better equip them to teach it, he added.

That is one part of the 2-track approach advocated by Congress. The other is to limit teaching of the play to the upper grades where students have the maturity to handle it, said Farber. That does not amount to a "banning" of the book, he added, merely deferring teaching it.

The Merchant of Venice is now taught in Ontario schools as early as grade 9.

Meanwhile, at the Metro Toronto Separate School Board, a committee has been established to "take a proactive stance" to determine how to teach the play.

The committee will take an "inventory" of works taught in English literature courses, said George Belanger, supervisor of race and ethnic relations at the Board. From that inventory, it "will develop a set of guidelines for English teachers to use to give the proper historical and social setting for those works and use these books as tools against racism."

Other books which might come in for that sort of treatment are Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer, Belanger said. Parents have objected to its labeling of Black people in derogatory terms.

RENT REVIEW UPDATE FROM THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING

Now there's a Rent Registry for all private rental units in Ontario.

One of the most significant features of Ontario's new rent review system is the establishment of a computerized, province-wide *Rent Registry.*

Until now, it was often difficult for tenants to verify that their rents were legal.

The new *Rent Registry* will record the maximum legal rent which can be charged for every private rental unit in the province.

When the registration process is complete, this information will be available free of charge to tenants, prospective tenants and landlords.

Rent information will be updated annually.

Landlords of all private rental units in the province will be required to register their rents with the new Registry.

When the landlord's units are properly registered, the Registry computer will automatically update the rents each year.

The Registry will record rent increases for each unit of either the Guideline amount announced annually or by the amount decided upon in a rent review decision.

Landlords will soon receive registration kits.

Landlords of rental complexes with more than six units are being sent registration kits with the necessary forms to be completed.

Landlords who have not received a registration kit by February 2, 1987, should phone or visit their local Rent Review Office.

Landlords of smaller complexes can also obtain registration kits by calling their local office.

Landlords of residential complexes with more than six rental units must register by May 1, 1987.

- Landlords of complexes containing more than six rental units have until May 1, 1987, to register information about their units with the new *Rent Registry.*
- Landlords of smaller complexes containing six units or less, as well as boarding houses and lodging houses, will be notified by the Ministry of Housing of a specific registration deadline at a later date. These landlords are encouraged to file with the *Rent Registry* as early as possible.
- Landlords are required to file with the Registry the actual rent that was charged on July 1, 1985, for every rental unit in their complex.
- Most landlords will only be required to register *once.*

How tenants can verify their rents.

- *When the rents for a building have been registered, the Registry will notify the landlord and the tenants of the rent information which has been recorded for their units.*
- *The Registry will also advise the landlord and tenants of the time limits for making applications to challenge or certify the actual rent that has been recorded.*

Registry information will be easy to obtain.

As there are more than one million rental units in the province, rent registration will take some time.

When the registration process is fully completed, information from the Registry will be available by toll-free telephone or by visiting a local Rent Review Office.

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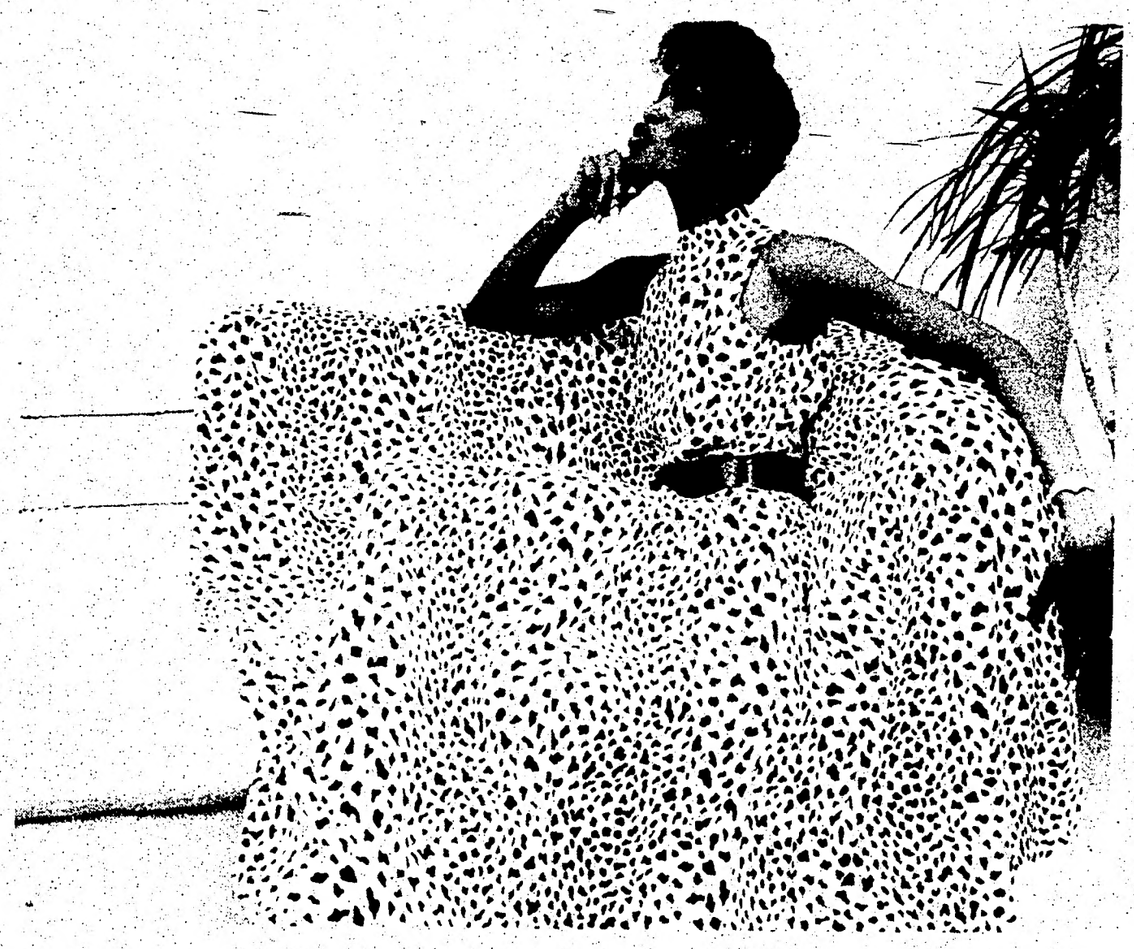

Animal print dress by Regina Kravitz features mock turtleneck, cut-out back and a full circle skirt.

U.S. designer offers collection to Canada

By LORI SMITH

This spring a collection from popular American designer Regina Kravitz will be available for the first time in Canada.

The line of dresses, which is being manufactured in Canada under license from Regina Kravitz in New York by The Forbes Fashion Group Inc., is designed for the contemporary, sophisticated woman.

Beverly Resnick, owner of Beverly Resnick Fashion Agency and agent for the line, explains that the garments are geared toward working women who want to be both professionally and fashionably dressed.

The collection consists of 15 styles in a variety of fabrics including linen rayon, cotton blend jerseys, linens, cottons and viscose.

Adam Rose, president of The Forbes Fashion Group Inc., explains that the group being manufactured in Canada represents only a portion of the designer's spring line.

"I believe we're more sophisticated in our taste in clothing than they are in the United States, so I chose only the more sophisticated dresses. In the fall a more extensive collection will be available."

The colors Kravitz has used for spring are muted shades including khaki, tan, taupe, red, white, black and in her jersey designs, fuchsia and brighter blue. She has used a few patterns such as this season's very important animal print and an Armani-inspired stripe. However, most of the dresses are done in solid shades.

The silhouette is long and classic with soft, full shoulders. Skirts on the dresses are both straight and fuller but range in length from 31 inches to 34 inches. While some of the garments are sleeveless, more have short, capped or three-quarter sleeves with easy, comfortable dropped armholes.

The majority of the designs are collarless with round necks. And while a number of them sport dropped waists they are still belted right at the waist as is the season's fashion.

Standout dresses in the group include an animal print design in black and white with a mock turtleneck, belted waist, cut-out back and airy, full circle skirt. Resnick points out that it is a dress that can be worn to the office with a blazer and is perfect for after-five too.

A simple, straight khaki ornamented with one beautiful button at the neck is also very versatile as is an elegant, white linen rayon style with interesting hip pocket detail.

Regina Kravitz dresses will be available by mid-February at Bretton's, J. Michael's, Chez Pierre, Meadows Fashions Ltd., Genevieve, Boutique Silkworm, St. Tropez, Helga Boutique, Zevico, Ariel Fashions and other better specialty and department stores.

Fashionable, functional clothes

Casual, trendy key words at Carel

Movable storage bins and dressing rooms are just part of the novel concept behind Toronto's Carel stores.

Owners Zev and Carol Elmaleh explain that they have stocked the warehouse-store at Glen Cameron Place, 5 Glen Cameron Rd., with casual, trendy clothes from French manufacturers Naf Naf and Rifon and Canada's Camp Tomahawk.

The sprit of these fashionable, functional garments is echoed by the design of the warehouse. Bars, bins and dressing rooms are finished in a specially textured, high-tech, warehouse gray metal and everything is on wheels, a feature which permits merchandise to be moved quickly and store design to be altered.

The atmosphere in the warehouse is one of movement, practicality and fun — an attitude conveyed in the clothing that is offered.

This spring France's Naf Naf continues its trendsetting ways. In addition, to the oversized jumpsuit that made the manufacturer famous, a wide selection of tops, pants, shorts and jackets are available.

Zev Elmaleh explains that the company, which is known for its pre-shrunk, hand dyed, 1-size-fits-all garments, has created a number of different groups for the upcoming season including a stonewash line available in indigo blue, black and gray; the Tutti Frutti group which combines colored prints and stripes; the Patchwork collection, a squares and stripes patterned group which was done last year but is being repeated in 87 in pastel tones; a dressier viscose group in yellow, red, blue and white, and a basic group of jumpsuits, polos, shorts and sweats in pastels that can be mixed and matched with the other pieces.

Carol Elmaleh explains that the cyclist look is popular this season and that the oversized silhouette continues to dominate.

"Jumpsuit pant legs are being worn rolled up and the jumpsuits themselves can be worn by pregnant women. But this spring some of the pants are sized."

Camp Tomahawk, the Canadian - manufactured line offered at the stores, is directly inspired by Naf Naf.

"Camp Tomahawk is made up of successful Naf Naf designs repeated and enhanced," says Zev Elmaleh.

Like its French counterpart, the line is composed of casual garments most often in 100%, pre-shrunk, hand-dyed cotton. The collection, which features about 50 pieces including jackets, pants, jumpsuits, T-shirts, pants and skirts, will be done in pastel shades of green, rose, pink and blue.

For children, Carel has the Rifon collection of sweat clothes. The French line, which is manufactured under licence in Canada, features tops and bottoms with trend sports motifs on them and is designed for children ranging in age from six months to 14 years. In addition, a small group of Naf Naf for children may be offered in the spring.

All those lines are to an extent, unisex, but the Elmalehs explains that most of their customers are women between the ages of 25 and 45 plus some teens and those who are young at heart.

By the fall, the couple hope to be manufacturing and retailing their own collection of clothes — a line sure to reflect the spirit of their stores.

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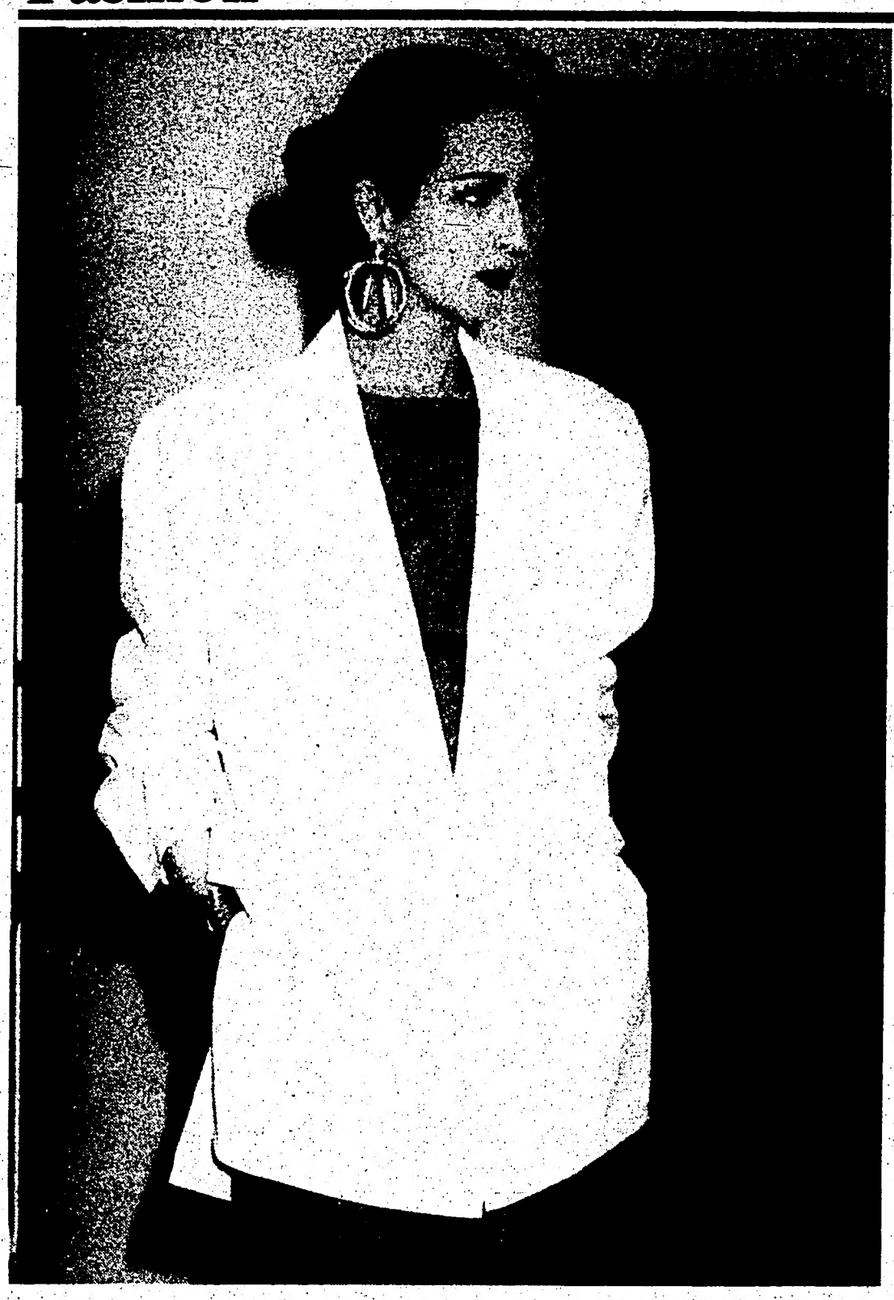


Vanilla silk/linen trench jacket with cotton knit crewneck T-shirt. Louis Dell'Orio for Anne Klein & Co. (Ronny Shinder photo)

Bosoms are beautiful

Silhouette for spring changes

Wouldn't you know it? Just when you were getting comfortable with oversized skirts, patent leather oxfords and the assorted loose-fitting rags and tatters of the Japanese, the whole ball of yarn unwinds.

After seasons when your favorite designers proclaimed that big was better and offered their wares in one-size-fits-all, the silhouette has changed.

Hips are hip, bosoms are beautiful, waists are wonderful, they say. Let your body talk, they decree.

That's all well and good. But at the current price of clothing, only the truly well-heeled can afford to turn their backs on a closet full of the free-and-easy and restock with what some fashion critics are calling "fit."

To get some suggestions on how to update your wardrobe to reflect fashion's dramatic turnaround, we asked fashion experts and designers for advice on buying the one perfect-fitting basic for spring:

— "Buy a suit," said Laura Sinderbrand, director of the design laboratory at the Fashion Institute of Technology.

"I'd probably buy one of the new suits with the focus on the roundness of the hip, the soft padded shoulder and a lot of shaping at the midriff."

For designer Louis Dell'Olio of Anne Klein and Co., the one basic "must" for spring is the new, fitted jacket.

"I'd advise them to buy a jacket that is shaped more to the body," said Dell'Olio.

"Something with softness at the shoulders that emphasizes their feminine curves through sewn-in-darts."

What about shoes? "Definitely a pump," said shoe designer Warren Edwards, of the team Susan Dennis-Warren Edwards.

"Something in a print or floral in an appealing primary color or a pastel like pink or mauve. I find that really appealing and fresh — It's the height of femininity."

Salon targets full-figure women

By
LORI SMITH

In the last few years there has been a dramatic change in the fashion world's attitudes toward full-figure women.

Once an extremely neglected portion of the market, offered only dowdy garments stocked on small racks at the back of a very few stores, they are now being treated by a number of designers and retailers as a significant section of the fashion-buying public.

However, the change has been slow and is not yet complete. Even today, a number of garments and patterns are only available in regular size ranges, usually ending at 12 or 14. Alterations that allow the larger woman to use the patterns or garments often end up disturbing the fit.

But one haute couture salon in Toronto offers the full-figure woman everything she could want including color and body structure analysis and individual designs and patterns.

Aggie and Gabor, located at 78 Warren Rd., Suite 507, was created by designer Gabor Teller and color and fashion co-ordinator Aggie Vigh, specifically to offer up-to-date fashion to women who wear exclusive sizes — 14½ to 28½ and 36 to 48.

Vigh, who has an extensive background in apparel management, fashion buying, owning and operating a boutique and who has taught dress for success courses at George Brown College, explains that when a woman first comes to the salon she is given a color, style and structure analysis.

Lengths of fabrics in a number of shades are draped on the woman so she can see how each works with or against her skin, hair and eye tone. Then Vigh, who is trained in color analysis, can determine whether the customer falls into the warm, yellow-based group of colors or the cool, blue-based group.

"We keep in mind the current fashion colors and in fact I believe anybody can wear nearly any color. What I do is compare different shades — reds to reds, blues to blues — to discover which is most becoming."

She says that she will also briefly suggest make-up for the woman.

To help determine style and body structure a group of necklines — V-ed, round, square, scalloped, boat, sweetheart, etcetera — are tried on the client. Then Teller takes measurements to ascertain the exact body structure of the woman.

He explains that no matter how much a woman diets she will have very specific proportions. This analysis allows him to create a design and individual pattern that will enhance the woman's beauty while minimizing her figure faults.

The color analysis, body structure and personal style of the client are all taken into consideration and act as a basis for the garment that Teller will create.

On the second visit, the woman tries a cotton model of the design. If both she and Teller like the result, the garment is made in the selected fabric. Vigh and Teller emphasize that they prefer it if fabric is not purchased until after the first consultation. The color analysis and garment design may call for completely different materials.

Teller explains that he tries to make the lines and drapes of the garment ease the tension from the fullness of the body.

Both he and Vigh agree that the full-figure woman can wear fashions in moderation. But there are limitations. "For example, if someone is heavy she can't wear the ruffles which are in now or if a woman has a large bust she shouldn't wear a bare top. We educate our customers and compromise," says Vigh.

One style detail they conscientiously avoid is a horizontal break such as those created by a belt at the waist or a change of color cutting across the hips. Instead, Teller's designs often feature a bias cut which gives the eye flattering, diagonal lines to follow.

While they do adapt styles shown in magazines, Teller, himself, has created a selection of designs to choose from. Educated and trained in Europe, he has designed for 25 years in a number of fields including ladieswear, leather and fur design, wedding apparel, sportswear and has operated exclusive size haute couture salons in both Canada and Europe.

In addition, he has won many European haute couture design awards, an EDEE award from the Department of Trade and Development in Ontario, and recently, two Ontario Fashion Design awards.

He says that this season the ruling colors are the natural tones — grays, beiges, black and marine — which can be combined with brighter shades such as turquoise. He has imported a number of Italian and French fabrics for the salon.

Linens, cottons, silk denim, suede, leather and other natural materials dominate but for softer looks he often uses a viscose mix. Metallics are also important this season. Lace with a touch of gold or silver is available as are metallic-look fabrics from Europe.

Teller's current group of design sketches offer full-figure women a number of flattering and fashionable choices. A mermaid-style wedding dress in heavy, Swiss lace and silk can be worn with or without the sleeves and left long or shortened to cocktail length after the wedding.

An elegant dress features a straight skirt, softly pleated, set-in sleeves and a V-neck top which drapes gracefully to the waist where it is fastened to one side with a satin or leather bow.

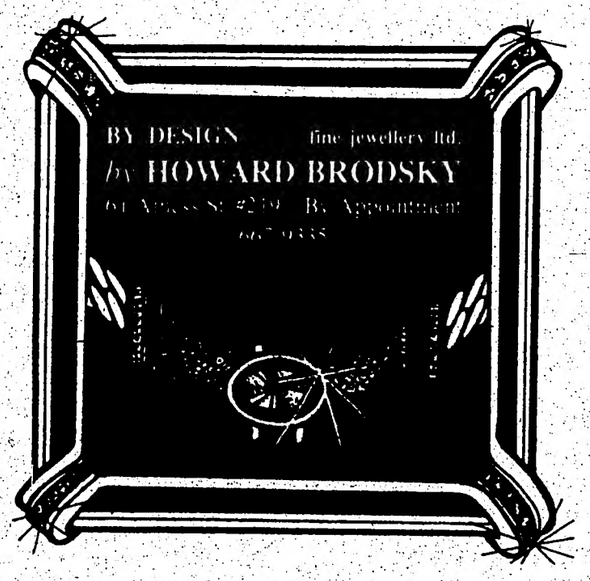
A long, formal dress is made of appliqued lace on silk and has a straight skirt which flares softly at the bottom and a top which drapes down the back from the shoulders.

A number of suits are also offered. One ensemble includes a straight skirt and a shawl-collared jacket that is longer in back than in front. Another suit features a jacket with raglan sleeves, a straight back and two-panel front which criss-cross and fasten at the sides.

Accompanied by a straight skirt with a pleat in the back, it is a very contemporary look.

Teller explains that his clients wear whatever length skirt flatters them but in general the new length is 15 cm. above the ankle. The shorter, knee-length skirts being shown in Europe are not suitable for most full-figure women.

Aggie and Gabor also do regular size haute couture.



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Spring will introduce fashions from the past

By
LORI SMITH

The past is very important to fashion today. Last year the 60s look provided inspiration and in 1987, the designs of the 40s and 50s are reappearing.

But the truly style conscious are traveling back even further in time for their wardrobe. Wedding dresses from the early 1900s are being seen as are authentic beaded "flapper" designs and antique "faux" jewelry from the Victorian, Edwardian and Art Deco eras.

Barbara Nathanielsz, owner of Natara's Collection, 1396 Yonge St., a store which specializes in vintage clothing, accessories, antiques, linens, laces and collectibles, explains that people are tired of seeing the same things in every store and want the 1-of-a-kind pieces she offers.

Late Victorian era

"They're also interested in the quality of fabric and workmanship in the older pieces. For instance, practically no-one makes fine lace anymore and the few who do are selling it at very high prices."

The jewelry Nathanielsz carries in the store includes pieces from the late Victorian era, the early 1900s, the Art Deco period and the 1940s plus some reproductions brought in for the holiday season.

She says that Edwardian bar pins are very popular as are large, chunky broaches, earrings and necklaces from the 40s. But the interesting geometric Art Deco designs are in the greatest demand.

"Anything with rhinestones in it from that period is very desirable. People comment on how beautifully it's made in comparison to today's jewelry. And it's different. People can't reproduce it today because they don't have the ability and if they do try it is too expensive."

To illustrate she points to an exquisite 3-piece, Art Deco rhinestone bracelet, pin and earrings set. Each item is superbly crafted and the pin cleverly comes apart to offer its wearer two dress clips and a broach. It displays an ingenuity that is simply no longer present in fashion jewelry.

The vintage clothing she sells is equally as exquisite. On the day of this visit she had two lovely Edwardian turn-of-the-century lawn dresses with lace inserts to offer customers.

She says it is the type of dress she has been selling to brides. In addition, lingerie, blouses, children's christening dresses, baby clothes, camisoles, nightgowns, petticoats and wedding veils were on display.

Vintage merchandise contains wide selection of lace products

Earlier in the season beaded dresses from the 1920s sold out.

Nathanielsz explains that while she does a great deal of business with the general public she also works with movie companies, the CBC and local designers. Recently she provided a wedding veil made from Brussels lace for the Anne of Green Gables sequel.

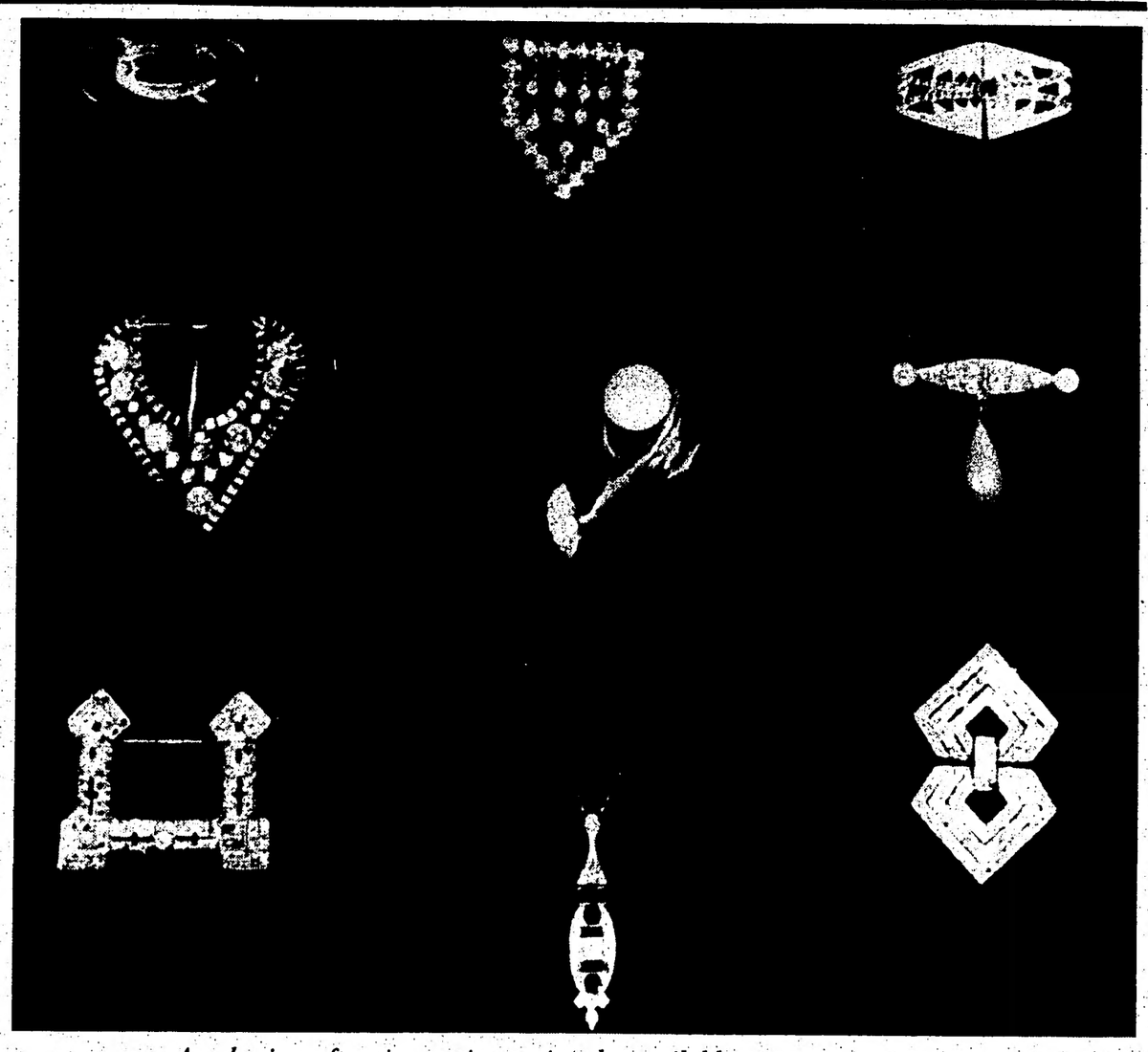
Her collection of vintage merchandise also contains a wide selection of lace products including collars, gloves, cushions, jabots, handkerchiefs, appliques, ties and boudoir cushions. Ninety-five percent of these items are made from authentic, antique lace. Five percent are made from new lace imported from Europe.

Her linen and lace products are also in demand. She carries a number of tablecloths, banquetcloths with napkins, table runners, sheets, doillies and napkins from earlier eras. To complement these she has recently begun to carry about 40 patterns of often discontinued silverplate flatwear.

Finally she has the odd piece of exclusive antique furniture such as a Victorian rosewood chair with needlepoint seat cover. But she points out that she only carries small items of furniture.

Nathanielsz is very passionate about the merchandise she specializes in and she often counsels people on how to take care of their antique textiles. For cottons and linens but not silks she advises boiling them clean using a very delicate powder soap.

"If you bring them to a boil and let them simmer for two hours practically any stain will come out. Then you let them dry naturally and press while damp. You see the boiling doesn't damage the fibres so while the method is time consuming it is the best way to take care of them."



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Luxurious resorts, quiet relaxation

For a wonderful escape, it *is* better in the Bahamas

By JAMES MONTAGNES

NASSAU, Bahamas — "The beauty of these islands surpasses that of any other land as much as day surpasses night in splendor," wrote Christopher Columbus when he landed in the island group in 1492. Visitors in the centuries since then have agreed with the explorer, for today tourism accounts for 60% of the Bahamian income.

The larger Bahama islands are known for the luxurious resort accommodations, pink beaches, fine seafood, great golf courses, snorkeling and scuba diving in crystal clear waters, deep sea fishing opportunities and friendly people. The smaller and outer islands of the 700 islands which make up the Bahamas are havens for those who want to escape the hustle and bustle of modern life, for those who want quiet relaxation and enjoy sleepy villages as well as small guest home accommodations.

Since independence came in 1973 and the former British colony became a nation within the British Commonwealth, there has been major expansion of hotel and resort accommodation on New Providence where the capital city of Nassau is located, on Grand Bahama with its resort community of Freeport, on three of the larger islands of Andros, Exuma and Eleuthera, while some of the smallest islands have developed guest homes.

Each of the main islands has some special attractions, as this travel reporter has learned on a number of trips to the islands. New Providence, for example, has historical sites and the main shopping street in the country. Bay Street is lined with duty-free shops for liquor, watches, jewelry, cameras, perfumes and high fashion dress boutiques. On just about any winter day, when the temperature there is close to 26 Celsius (80 F) the sidewalks are clogged with camera-toting people from nearby hotels or from a number of cruise ships in port for the day.

Nassau's waterfront is clogged with cruise ships, large and small yachts, boats for cruising to nearby islands and to the luxury resorts on Paradise Island — formerly called Hog Island, glass-bottom boats for sightseeing coral formations, and boats for those who want to go diving or walking the ocean floor in divers' outfits.

Along Bay St. you'll find restaurants, the Parliament Buildings and Supreme Court with a statue of Queen Victoria in the small plaza nearby, the main straw market on Rawson Square and the city's cathedral. Within a few blocks of Bay St. you'll find the Queen's Staircase with 65 steps hacked out of the black rock cliff by slave labor about 1790, and on top the stairs Fort Fincastle, one of a number of forts on New Providence.

On Grand Bahama is one of a number of casinos operated by the government — this one in a Moorish-style building. It attracts visitors from nearby Miami — 60 miles (90 kilometres) by air or boat — who come for an evening's gambling. Main development on Grand Bahama is Freeport with a number of luxury hotels, a retirement colony, an international bazaar, miles of sandy beaches, a Museum of Underwater Exploration, and artificially-created tropical gardens.

Andros is the largest and least explored of the island group. It is best known for its coral reef. Divers see dazzling displays of coral formations and multi-colored tropical fish at a depth of 15 metres (50 feet). They can gaze down or venture into the Blue Hole which plunges more than 61 m (200 feet) into coral formations.

The English Puritans who settled on Eleuthera in 1647 named the island for the Greek word Freedom. The island is 100 miles (160 km) long, less than two miles (3.2 km) wide in most places. It has beautiful pink sand beaches, towering cliffs, two 18-hole golf courses, about 40 resorts and is an outstanding diving area. There are a number of caves including one in which shipwrecked Puritans found shelter and used for prayer meetings.

The Exumas are a group of 365 cays or small islands, many of which are uninhabited. Here are favorite anchorages for yachters. The waters here are known for their shades of blue, from azure to sapphire to turquoise and peacock blue.

The Bimini islands are closest to the Florida coast, just 50 miles (80 km) and are known for deepsea fishing. Here blue marlin weighing hundreds of pounds are caught by avid fishermen, as are bonefish, bonito, sailfish, barracuda and other big game fish.

These are just a few of the islands which form the Bahamas.

(Nassau has a small synagogue above a store on Market St., and a Reform synagogue at Freeport.)

Rawson Square in Nassau, Bahamas, with government buildings in background.

Miami Beach Jewish school offers courses for adults

MIAMI BEACH — Trying to interest, and involve, parents in their children's Jewish education, one day school, the Hebrew Academy of Miami Beach, has prepared a series of adult courses this winter.

Sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association of the school, the program lists courses in conventional Hebrew, Jewish philosophy, and a beginner's computer course.

The curriculum also includes a course in kosher gourmet cooking, to be given by one of the local kosher caterers. Parents will learn how to cook kosher Chinese, French and Italian food.

The classes are a result of the growing awareness of the PTA that parents needed to get in touch with what their children were learning at school.

The school's principal, Rabbi Yossi Heber, stated that he developed the program after reading a statistic which claimed that parents and children talk to each other only 12.5 minutes a day. — **Kleiner**

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Yacht-filled port was home to British warships

Antigua simply picture perfect Caribbean hideaway

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

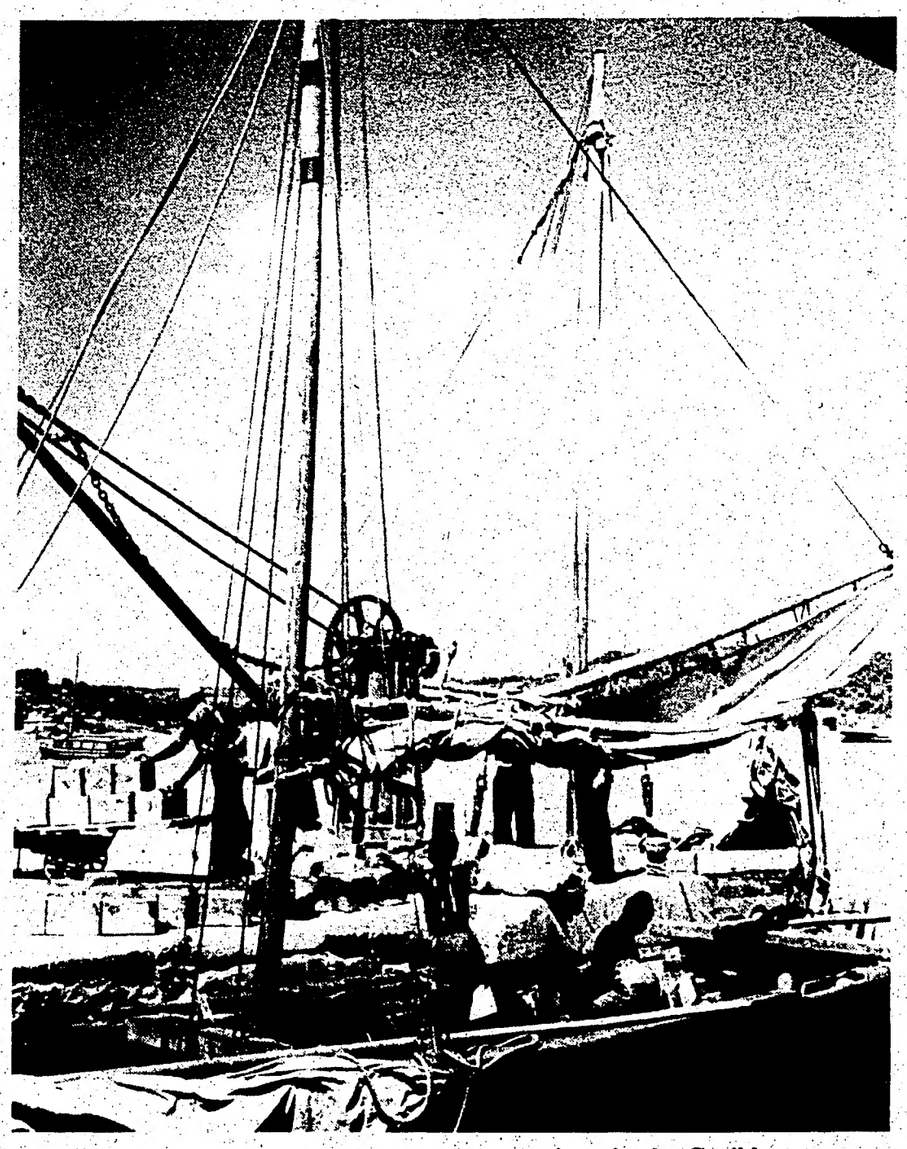
ST. JOHN'S, Antigua — Whether you come for a 1-day stop by cruise ship or come to spend a few weeks on this warm Caribbean island, you will visit Nelson's Dockyard on English Harbor. British Admiral Horatio Nelson came here 200 years ago to moor his warships. Today the harbor is filled with yachts from all over the world.

High above the harbor are the ruins of stone forts on Shirley Heights. The view is terrific, with the blue waters of the Atlantic stretching to the horizon and dozens of yachts anchored in the protected harbor 500 feet below.

You'll find native ladies, boys and girls, will clamor around you trying to sell you beads and shell necklaces. You'll get good pictures of other visitors haggling about prices with the local folk.

Down below in English Harbor you can stay at an inn where Lord Nelson once resided during his term in the Caribbean area. You can visit a small museum here featuring local history, and Clarence House, built in 1787 for the Duke of Clarence who later became King William IV of England. Members of the present Royal Family have been guests here also.

The stone columns of Nelson's Dockyard are all that remain of a boathouse once used by Britain's sailors to overhaul their ships during the Napoleonic wars. A hurricane long ago lifted the boathouse roof, and the columns are now part of a hotel terrace.



Inter-island schooners in the harbor at Antigua in the Caribbean.

Accommodations vary from simple guest houses to luxury hotels. The island claims to have 365 beaches and there are dozens of hotels on the various sand strips all around the island. Most of the places are small, and there are few hotels with over 100 rooms. Most have pools as well as beaches for a swim in the salt water.

The island is small but roads crisscross it, so that you can easily spend a day traveling by car and not see everything. The interior is lush and tropical, with valleys and some streams, sugar cane fields and small colorful villages where chickens and goats use the roads and the town's people walk erect with loads on their heads.

Donkeys are a major method of transportation, carrying people as well as loads of wood, sugar cane, bags of flour and other merchandise. It is a good idea to have your camera ready for pictures, but expect to tip the youngsters if you wish them to pose for you — the adults too, sometimes.

Rental cars are available, and there are plenty of taxis. Be sure to arrange with the taxi driver before you start the fee for your trip, whether to or from a hotel or beach resort to the town of St. John's, or for sightseeing. Make sure you agree whether payment is to be in U.S. dollars or Eastern Caribbean currency.

Don't stay on the beach all the time. There is much to see. For instance, there are glassbottom boats to see some of the coral formations on Dickenson Bay. You can go sailing in a rented boat or take a weekend sail cruise on ships available in English Harbor. There is deepsea fishing, water skiing, and, for the adventurous, snorkeling in the clear waters off some of the beaches.

Big crabs clamber amid the white surf-beaten rocks on the eastern end of the island at Devil's Point near Indian Town Point, where centuries of waves have worn away the rocks. Highest point on the island is Boggy Peak, 1,319 feet above sealevel, while Signal Hill at 1,200 feet is easy to climb not far from English Harbor. There is a golf course at Hodges Bay. Some of the hotels have tennis courts.

Night life in Antigua revolves around some of the luxury hotels where steel bands play calypso music and there is limbo dancing. In St. John's there are several dance halls and some good restaurants.

St. John's is the largest community on the 108-square mile island. It has an assortment of local shops for handicrafts, a few fancy boutiques for fashion clothing, as well as pottery, shells and island cotton fabrics.

You can even watch cricket and soccer games in a few parks and near open-air restaurants.

In town dress appropriately — beachwear and halter-top wear is for the beach not in the city. The locals will respect you the more if you dress conservatively in town.

It is a small boat trip or a 15-minute flight to Barbuda, a very small scrub-covered island dependency. It has a small airfield, a garage-sized terminal, and at one end a private beach resort with its own airstrip. Roads are dirt tracks over the coral rock amid the scrub growth.

There are caves at the other end of this island. Once it was a breeding centre for tall slaves — you'll see quite a few tall natives about. There are plans to develop some tourist accommodations in this area.

Tips can bring crease relief

By
ESTHER FISHER

TORONTO — Travel can be broadening, exciting and rewarding, but some of the thrill may be dampened when you unpack your travel bags and find everything creased.

For short trips there's nothing that beats a garment bag that you simply hang up inside the plane or place in the trunk of the car. Good garment bags provide storage space for shoes, underwear, sweaters and other items.

When using a small garment bag, hang a couple of pairs of pants over the hanger (use clips to hold skirts), add a couple of shirts or blouses and then a jacket, buttoned.

When using a suitcase, choose one that comfortably accommodates your travel wardrobe. A bag that is too full will crush clothes; one that is too empty will allow garments to move around and wrinkle.

In a flat suitcase, fold clothing in tissue paper and place tissue paper between layers of clothing to help keep collars and ruffles from crushing.

Sometimes, even the most careful packing can't entirely eliminate creasing, especially in cottons, linens and silks. With a compact steam travel iron and the know-how to improvise without an ironing board, you can look good anywhere, anytime.

In a hotel room, a flat surface, such as a desk or dresser, covered with a towel, works well for collars and sleeves. For larger garments, use the bed, spreading the article out as large as possible and stretching the area you're pressing.

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Travel

But Hispanic ambience prevails

Little Havana not like its namesake

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

MIAMI —

Hundreds of thousands of Cubans settled in Miami after Fidel Castro's revolution in 1959. They chose Miami for its warm weather, business opportunities and proximity to Cuba.

The Cubans dispersed throughout the city, but a disproportionate number ended up in that part of Miami known today as Little Havana.

Little Havana, one of Miami's Latin attractions, hardly resembles the Cuban capital. In contrast to Havana, Little Havana is more modern, slightly sterile and less shoddy, and the variety of goods available in its shops is infinitely greater.

Be that as it may, Little Havana definitely exudes a strong Hispanic ambience. There are not many cities in the U.S. where you can walk into a neighborhood and hear Spanish widely spoken, listen to the rhythmic beat of Latin music blaring from record stores, watch cigar makers plying their trade and eat in an authentic Cuban restaurant.

Within good walking distance of Miami's downtown core, Little Havana is centred around Calle Ocho, a street of low white buildings gleaming in the sun.

The first stop on our tour, the El Credito cigar factory, churns out close to 1,000 cigars daily. Men and women bend over work tables, rolling, pressing, wrapping and cutting smooth sheets of brown tobacco into immaculately-looking cigars which retail from 65 cents to $2.50.

Some of the men puff absent-mindedly on cigars, blowing aromatic smoke into the air, heavy with the sharp odor of cured tobacco.

Near a record store, where the infectious beat of Latin American music stirs the senses, we come to Cuban Memorial Plaza, which commemorates the Bay of Pigs fiasco. On April 17, 1961, a ragtag band of U.S.-backed Cuban rebels, fed up with Castro's control of their island homeland, launched a pathetic invasion of Cuba.

They were easily repulsed by the Cuban armed forces and most of them were either killed or captured. Nearly 26 years have elapsed since the disaster. Castro is in firm control and Marxism reigns in Cuba. But the rebels have not been forgotten, the names of the fallen having been inscribed on a plaque hard by sturdy shade trees.

Farther down the street, we pass a fruit and vegetable stand with seasonal tropical fruits and typical Cuban vegetables like yuccas, boniatos, plantains and malangas. The bright colors of the produce, combined with their pleasant smells, are enormously appealing to a northener unaccustomed to anything more exotic than a melon or a banana.

A stone's throw away, elderly men play dominos in a small shaded park dominated by a gazebo. Oblivious to their surroundings, they throw dice and they chatter, absorbed in their game.

Little Havana has several good Cuban restaurants and one of the best of the lot is El Pub, a crowded, animated place flowing over with businessmen, politicians and journalists.

We settle for arroz con pollo, chicken and yellow rice, a sumptuous dish that only a gourmand could possibly finish, and wash it down with a bottle of Coors.

Hungry for a dessert, we wander over to King Cream, where proprietor Jose Ortega churns out 30 flavors of ice cream fashioned out of tropical fruits like mangos, tamarindos and pineapples.

At my request, Ortega scoops bits of many flavors into a cup. His ice cream, somewhat like sherbert, is bracingly delicious.

Little Havana is a little like Jose Ortega's ice cream: certainly different and undoubtedly bracing.

Cuban Memorial Plaza, Miami.

Air Canada improves safety

TORONTO —

A comprehensive program of aircraft safety measures is bringing a number of innovations to Air Canada, including cabin firefighting kits and new fireblocking materials.

Many of the safety measures have already been adopted and others will be incorporated into Air Canada's fleet of aircrafts this year. Plans include a $7.7 million program to fireblock all seats, currently under way and scheduled for completion by the end of this year.

Air Canada engineers began work on fireblocking materials in 1984 with a trial of two newly developed fireblocking seat cover materials. The fabrics fit under the dress seat covers and are designed to prevent the burning of the seat cushion and the seat back cushion. Fireblocking effectively prevents the seat cushions from igniting and eliminates the seats as a source of combustion.

Fire fighting kits

Special fire fighting kits have been installed in all Air Canada aircraft to allow trained crew members to investigate and/or attack the first stages of combustion or suspected combustion in an aircraft cabin. Each kit contains a protective breathing device, flame-proof mitts and a prying tool.

In addition, the airline's flight crews now have vented smoke goggles as standard equipment for improved vision in a smoke environment.

Firefighting effectiveness has already been increased on the aircraft by the replacement of carbon dioxide and dry chemical portable fire extinguishers with multi-purpose Halon-type extinguishers.

In the near future, the existing Halon and water extinguishers will be replaced by higher capacity Halon extinguishers with flexible hose nozzles to further improve fire fighting capability.

Development is also under way to install access ports in aircraft interior panels to permit fighting of hidden fires. Air Canada is one of the first North American airlines to consider this approach to effective firefighting in hidden areas otherwise inaccessible to cabin crews or ground personnel.

Air Canada has introduced several other safety measures including the installation of smoke detectors in all aircraft washrooms and the replacement of acrylic carpets with all-wool and 90% wool carpets (wool has a superior fire resistance).

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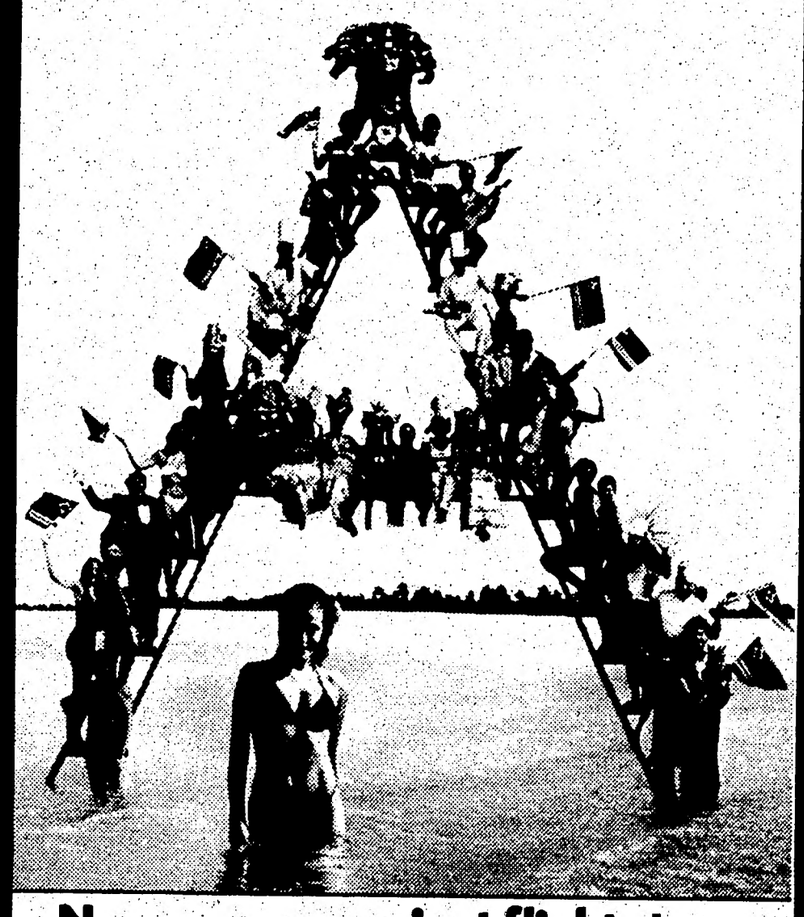

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Dollar at par in many hotels, attractions

Discounts for Canadians increase in U.S., Bermuda

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

Canadian dollar at par and other discount programs for Canadian visitors in the United States and Bermuda are increasing. Some are in effect until the end of February, others until late March and still others until mid-April.

In Florida hotels such as the Jupiter Beach Hilton, the Howard Johnson's Palm Beach and the Hyatt Regency Tampa are accepting Canadian dollars at par for room rates until late March.

Attractions such as Busch Gardens Dark Continent near Tampa and Cypress Gardens near Winter Haven have special discounts for Canadians, amounting to $3 on the $14.95 ticket for Cypress Gardens.

Days Inn Downtown in Washington has an all-year program offering Canadian dollar at par on single and twin room rates.

During the annual Friendship Festival at Reno, Nevada, Feb. 16 to March 8, there will be a discount book for food, tours and entertainment for Canadian visitors.

A Canadian Funds At Par Club has been established in Florida, with a $35 membership and Card Canada to obtain discounts.

For more information contact CFAP Club, 666 Kingston Rd., Toronto M4E 1R4, phone (416) 699-5111.

In Bermuda a number of hotels have currency discounts for visiting Canadians. The Inverurie Hotel will accept Canadian dollars at par until April 15. The Rosedon Hotel in Hamilton, Bermuda, has a similar offer until March 31, with the Palmetto Hotel until March 15. The Princess Hotel and its sister hotel, Southampton Princess have a 20% discount for Canadian bookings. A few guest houses in Bermuda have Canadian dollar at par rates till the end of February or March 31.

During February and March 1987 Air Canada is offering discounts of up to 50% to persons accompanying full-fare paying passengers on Canadian routes and cross-border routes except top Florida destinations. These fares are valid for trips ending April 15, and also apply to Air Canada's partner carriers Air Nova, Austin Airways and Air Ontario, and to routes using a combination of Air Canada and Pacific Southwest Airlines in the United States.

Under this Air Canada offer there are other discounts at Budget Rent-a-Car with the first day of a 3-day rental free, and double hotel rooms at the single room rate at the Four Seasons hotels in Canada and United States, and one-third off single room rates at 50 Holiday Inns throughout Canada, with no charge for spouse or two children sharing the same room.

Your travel agent or the United States Travel and Tourist Administration in Toronto (120 Adelaide St. W., phone (416) 364-0723) can give more detailed information.

There's help for megamile dryness

By
BARBARA KINGSTONE

TORONTO — For actors it's "the smell of the grease paint and the roar of the crowds." For the habitual traveler, the smell of petrol and the roar of the engines are as exciting as a Broadway opening.

Many airborne travelers lament the dryness in planes. Women especially complain after spending hundreds of dollars a year on facials and emollients.

Perspectives, an affiliate skin care company of Estee Lauder, realized the problem and recently came out with Flight-Age Cream. It works wonders on stressed, tired skins and in low humidity environments.

Who else but an air hostess would know the trials and horrors of pressurized cabins? But Swissair flight attendant, Erica Voegeli, whose skin is dewy moist, says the answer to megamile travel is to drink a litre of water for an 8-hour trip.

Another woman whose travels have taken her around the world is Dominique Papon, now public relations officer for the Hotel du Rhone in Geneva.

Her answer is to apply heavier than usual face cream and repeat every hour. She also suggests that hands shouldn't be forgotten. So pack a small jar of hand cream or use face cream as a substitute.

A common discomfort are sore, red eyes. This is easily solved with over-the-counter eye drops which ease the burning sensation.

Another invaluable seat companion is a small tin of Evian mineral water which can be sprayed over the face as often as necessary.

Seasoned travelers have learned how to make travel life easier by packing as light as possible. But they have also learned that double-duty items can mean the difference between irritation and hassle-free time.

For instance, who would ever suspect that transparent tape could be a great mate? But consider the advantages of a single roll.

It's perfect for leaky jars. An untimely unraveled hem or cuff can be held in place until you locate that needle and thread. And if you twist some around your hand, this tape becomes the best lint cleaner.

Other unusual easy take-alongs are plastic bags. They're perfect for soiled shoes, hose, jewelry, cosmetics.

And if you've just taken a swim and have to catch a plane before your swimsuit dries, they're invaluable.

A small feather-filled neck pillow doesn't take much room in a carry-on and it can alleviate a strained or uncomfortable neck problem.

Also to be included in the same carry-on is a T-shirt. It has many personae. Firstly if your luggage is "misplaced" for a day, you'll have a clean top. And if a nightshirt is needed, saved again by the great T.

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Arts

Play more gripping than film

Extremities provoking drama that's not for squeamish

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Extremities (at the Leah Posluns Theatre until Feb. 21) is not the sort of drama one would recommend for those who are either squeamish or pleasure-lovers interested in an evening of escapist entertainment.

It deals with the subject of rape. And the first scene is so brutalizing that several women in the audience on the night I attended left the theatre trembling in a state of horror.

On the other hand, if you're interested in theatre that scalds and scorches, lacerates and stimulates your emotions, this prize-winning drama by American playwright William Mastrosimone is an important and astringent shocker that merits the healthy controversy it has provoked.

As staged by artistic director Reva Stern, it's drama more realistic and gripping than the recent film version of the play starring Farrah Fawcett-Major.

It begins on a low key in a modern New Jersey home that an attractive blonde named Marjorie shares with two other young career women.

Symbolically, while watering her plants, she is stung by a bee. She kills it with a squirt of Raid, and in her pain, derives a certain vengeful satisfaction out of burning the insect with her cigarette.

Enter Raul. He is a tall lout in blue jeans, evidently an unemployed car park jock with three children and a pregnant wife, who barges into the living room.

He pretends to be looking for a mythical friend named Joe. But as he locks the door behind him, lunges at her, and cries out her name, it is clear that he is a practiced marauder who has planned to rape Marjorie.

Even as a male, I found the rape scene so repellent I could barely look at it. He treats her sadistically like a Raggedy Ann doll, almost smothering her with a pillow, choking her with his belt, forcing her to touch his groin and say, "I love you."

In a last extremity of desperation, she manages to grab the can of Raid and squirts it into his eyes blindingly until he is as helpless as a bruised bug.

The curtain falls and rises a moment later and we discover that the tables are turned.

She has trussed him up with rope and blindfolded him and thrust him into the fireplace, where he is caged by a steel bed frame, with a noose around his neck.

But though she spits in his face, pokes him with a broom handle, menaces him with a hammer, and threatens to bury him alive in the garden, this is not just a vindictive play of vengeful retribution.

Mastrosimone explores with great psychological insight — and flashes of gallows humor — every facet of the tenuous relationship between victim and victimizer.

We hear Marjorie weighing the options of her dilemma: What if she turns him over to the police and charges him with rape? She has no evidence and no witnesses.

Should she face the humiliation of revealing her shameful degradation in a public court? Or should she keep quiet and live with the trauma and emotional scars that may hamper for the rest of her life her normal relations with a man?

We see the reactions of her two roommates. One is a social worker, a bleeding-heart liberal with her "dime-store" Freudianism, whose sympathies lead her to side with the seemingly put-upon Raul; she uncages him, feeds him, challenges Marjorie's allegations against him.

The other roommate is a more shallow but also more worldly woman. She believes Marjorie's story, because she herself was raped by a girlfriend's father when she was younger. But afraid of being charged in a court with complicity, she refuses to participate in Marjorie's plans for getting rid of Raul.

Most absorbing are the psychic changes we see in Raul. He is by turn a raging bull, a piteous supplicant, and an accuser who claims it was he who was seduced by that sensual tantalizer, Marjorie.

It is only when Marjorie discovers a butcher knife he has kept hidden in his shirt that Raul finally confesses he has been a rapist of many women before this.

The play ends with a poignant yet believable catharsis. While her two roommates call the police, Raul, blinded and weeping, begs his cager, Marjorie, to lead him back to his womb-like cage in the fireplace.

The cast of four Toronto professionals are all exceptional: Susan Hogan as Marjorie, Robert Morelli as Raul, and Miriam Laurence and Catherine Hayos as the two roommates.

Interestingly, I asked two women seated nearby what they thought of the play, and their responses were conflicting.

"As a season's subscriber, I resent having the Leah Posluns thrust this kind of garbage on me," said one. "And as a Jewish woman, I deplore the language and the violence, which I found offensive."

"I'm a subscriber too, and in past seasons I've often found myself yawning at the stage productions here," said the second woman, a grandmother in her 60s. "But tonight I found every word spoken, every action onstage, thoroughly engrossing. I am sure every woman has undergone a similar kind of molesting and can identify with Marjorie's plight.

Following most performances, social services specialists will conduct audience discussions on the subject of sexual harassment. For information, phone 630-6752.

Susan Hogan stars as a rape victim and Robert Morelli as the rapist in Extremities, the gripping drama at Leah Posluns Theatre.

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Buffoonery, tragedy linked

Rigoletto gripping melodrama

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Giuseppe Verdi, the master of melody and melodrama, believed with good reason that his masterpiece was *Rigoletto.*

This reviewer is inclined to agree with him after viewing the Canadian Opera Company's splendid production of his 1851 classic, which is running until Feb. 8 at the O'Keefe Centre.

It contains his most popular melody, that perennial showstopper, *La Donna E Mobile* (Women Are Fickle). And it contains his most melodramatic plot, linking buffoonery and tragedy in his two extremist characters (the hunchbacked jester Rigoletto and his ultra-virtuous daughter Gilda, who dies as a result of the twisted personality of her deformed father).

What makes the story so gripping is the complexity of the father's character. He is full of self-pathos, because he dearly loves his angelic daughter. Yet he is also full of self-hatred, because, as he sobs in one aria, indicating his contorted back, "Man and nature have made me evil."

Based on a Victor Hugo play, *The King Who Amuses Himself*, it's a morality tale dealing with the womanizing Duke of Mantua who attempts to seduce his court jester's naive daughter. In turn, Rigoletto hires an assassin to stab the libertine, but his vengeance becomes a self-mockery when his daughter is killed instead.

British director Jonathan Miller recently staged it for the English National Opera as though it were a Mafia vendetta in a New York mobster setting of the 1950s. Toronto director John Leberg has presented it as a dark 15th century tragedy set in the duke's court and using sombre lighting throughout.

I liked the novel way he set the dark tone of the 4-act opera in his very first scene. Usually it begins with the Duke of Mantua singing to tinkly dance music his lecherous aria, *Questa O Quella* (This Girl Or That) which brags, "I detest the tyranny of a constant heart." Instead, Leberg raises the curtain with the attention focused on the tormented face of the grotesque jester, while the orchestra plays an ominous prelude.

The two lead singers were extraordinarily moving in their duets, quite the equal of New York Metropolitan Opera stars I last saw playing the same roles.

As Rigoletto, Alberta baritone Allan Monk has never been better; he has the girth, the dramatic presence, and the powerful voice to plumb the depths and heights of emotion, and he carries it off magnificently.

Maria Spacagna, a short, blonde soprano in her 30s from Rhode Island, is equally superb. By sheer acting ability, she convinces you that she is a demure, 16-year-old Little Nell, and is particularly affecting in her heartbreaking aria, *Caro Nome* (Dear Name, Carved On My Heart).

Tenor Paolo Di Costa is uneven as the philandering duke, not quite tender enough in his duets, but winning a deserved ovation for his show-stopping *La Donna E Mobile.*

By and large, this imperishable blend of melody and melodrama deserves, after more than 100 years, to take yet one more bow at the O'Keefe.

Canadian baritone Allan Monk gives a bravura performance as the hunchbacked jester in Rigoletto.

Winnipeg Y's library converted into art gallery

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

For years, Naomi Globerman has felt the YMHA Jewish Community Centre here should be a place where Jewish artists could display their works.

That goal has become partially realized with the recent opening of the Y's new art gallery.

The story goes back to 1984 when renovations were being carried out on the building's main floor. Globerman, the Y's director of adult services, saw her opportunity.

In accordance with her suggestions, the old main floor library was changed into a multipurpose room that can be easily converted from lecture hall to book store to art gallery depending on the need.

Last spring, a Jewish art show and sale in another room at the Y featured the works of 22 artists. "The response was wonderful," said Globerman. "It reaffirmed our policy that we want to support local Jewish artists. We have some marvelous artists in this city."

The art space's first show in December was a display of the watercolors of Dr. Walter Lampe. The next scheduled show, May 3-10, will feature Law professor and photographer Burton Bass exhibiting some of his photographs.

"There is a demand from artists which warrant more shows," said Globerman. "I've had a call about an artist in town who does Holocaust paintings and there is a group of four women who are interested in a group show for the fall."

Globerman is still hoping that, one day, the Y will have a permanent gallery. "If we ever get a new building," she said, "I would like to see a permanent gallery set up. Our mandate is to serve the city's Jewish community and I believe that includes a permanent, ever changing display of local artists' works."

She also thinks there should be a small theatre in the community centre for Jewish artists to stage productions.

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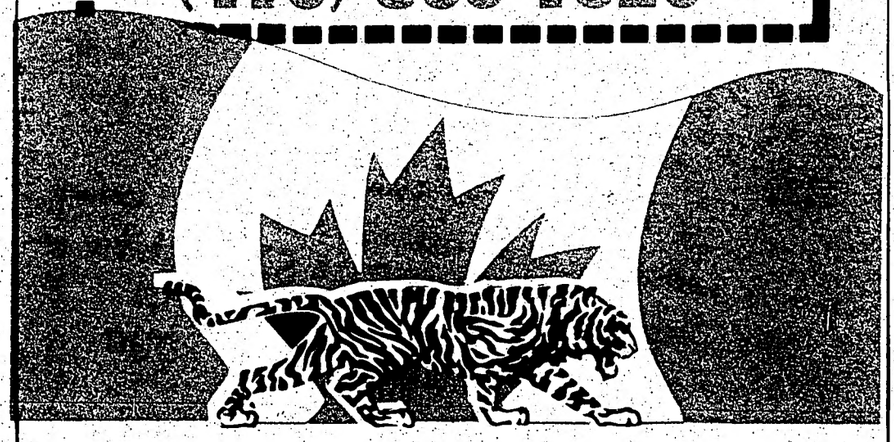

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Arts

Paintings by Laurence Cherniak at Makonde Gallery

Artist proves adept at diverse forms of expression

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
If it had not become a satirical cliche, Laurence Cherniak might well be called "multi-talented."

It's unfortunate that the compliment has lost its currency because Cherniak's business card says he is an actor, announcer and artist, and an interview with him proves he does much more.

So much more, in fact, that it's hard to focus on his most immediate artistic enterprise, a 1-man show of his acrylic paintings at the Makonde Gallery (91 Scollard St.) Feb. 11 to 21.

Cherniak, 44, was born in Toronto and attended the Talmud Torah on Brunswick Ave. But the lure of seeing the world, and the desire to express himself in a variety of media has led him far beyond his native boundaries. He only came back to Canada in October after living in Hawaii since 1978, to begin to market his work.

Along the way, he says he has learned to speak 12 languages, including Yiddish, Hebrew, French, and even some Mandarin Chinese and Ghurkali, a knowledge of which he demonstrated during his interview at The CJN offices.

He attended the National Theatre School of Canada on scholarships and then went to the Stratford Shakespearean Festival of Canada.

His bio states that he has more than 1,000 professional stage, radio, TV and film productions to his credit, and he noted that he expects to perform in an upcoming Toronto Jewish Theatre production of The Shickerta.

If that were not enough, Cherniak says that his writing has appeared in such magazines as Germany's PM; he has recorded music with Mama Cass and Don Johnson; and spent a year as a dance student at York University, also on scholarship.

"I'm certainly having a hard time to find time, but I'm serious about it," says the artist, who was recently asked to teach visual arts at the North York Board of Education's Claude Watson School of Fine Arts.

Cherniak, who says he began his travels with a hitchhike across Canada when he was 12, is a self-taught artist, who admits to preferring painting and acting to his other activities.

He says he left Canada for more exotic climes because the "star system" in this country makes its artists feel inferior.

"To overcome that, I knew I had to experience every program in the pendulum of life as an artist.

"I had to experience everything to make myself so great that people must say this guy is talented, and that's why I pursued the sensitivities. Some people now feel that I have become a Renaissance man."

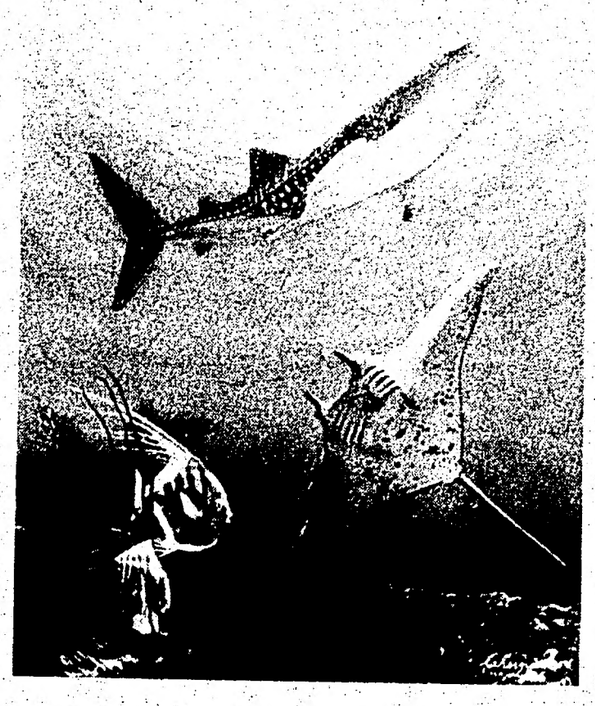
And Cherniak says he is seeing increasing support since "proving himself," that is being translated into a greater demand for his work.

From February on, Cherniak says he has lined up no fewer than six showings of his work right through to the early summer, most in Toronto and one in Vancouver.

The paintings Cherniak is showing at the Makonde Gallery under the collective title, An Early Spring Thaw, date from his years in Hawaii.

He went to the islands "for their beauty, culture and the opportunity to learn a new language. "He has returned with a portfolio of colorful paintings rich in aquatic themes.

Citing Salvador Dali and Paul Gaugin as influences, Cherniak describes his paintings as being in the category of "fantastic" or "visionary realism."



A View From The Deep is one of the paintings by Laurence Cherniak on display at the Makonde Gallery until Feb. 21.

He combines photographs and his imagination to produce his romantic and exotic imagery. His evident ecological concerns come "just from caring about life and the preservation of the species."

Cherniak adds that he does not bring a grimness to his boldly chromatic work because, "that's not what I want to share. People ask, 'how can you always be so upbeat?' And I say that's the mark of a professional.

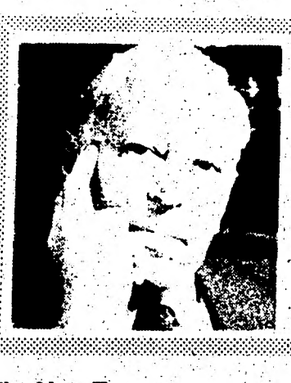
"I have seen too much unhappiness and misery in the world. There's no reason to paint it," he says, remarking that viewers have also appreciated his "spectral colors."

Cherniak says he now has about 135 pieces of work and plans eventually to market some of them as a line of greeting cards.

However, those impatient to see the artist's paintings should get over to the Makonde Gallery.

For more information call the gallery at 961-6650.

Well-researched volume charts business success



books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

The New Entrepreneurs, by Allan Gould. McClelland and Stewart, $24.95.

The world of commerce has had its strident detractors. Henry David Thoreau maintained that most men engage in business the greater part of their lives, "because the soul abhors a vacuum and they have not discovered any continuous employment for man's nobler faculties." Charles Dickens was savage: "Do to other men for what they would do you. That's the true business precept."

Woodrow Wilson, however, was sure that "every great man of business has got somewhere a touch of idealism in him."

Toronto's own Allan Gould makes clear in this lively, informative and inspirational volume about 8 self-made Canadian entrepreneurs that success isn't easy. Four out of five Canadian businesses fold in their first three years of life. In 1982 almost 85,000 small firms closed and another 11,000 went bankrupt. But hope is unquenchable. In that same disastrous year of economic recession 87,000 new businesses were born.

This well-researched volume charts unusual success stories in industries concerned with food, building, beauty and fashion, retailing, service, manufacturing, sports and entertainment. The entrepreneurs come from all the provinces and display a wide range of religious and national backgrounds.

Saul Reichert of Edmonton, a survivor of the Holocaust, is proud of his popular chain of restaurants. He had one English pound and two American dollars when he came to Canada and feels a throb of understandable satisfaction when friends remind him, "Saul, you're a self-made man."

From backyard bake sales to one of the most prosperous catering and cookbook-writing industries in the country — that's the story of the Susan Mendelson empire. In 1985 sales were up to $750,000 and her delectable desserts are served by a growing number of restaurants. One of her major problems is her imitative competitors. Her lox mousse, as you might expect, was quickly copied. As the author writes, "All is fair in love, war and catering."

Brigette Manning, an ex-cocktail waitress, had an idea that she turned into a gold mine; every person has a unique skin coloring and should live and dress accordingly. This notion led to the color wheel and then to a franchise business with over a hundred outlets around the world. Human vanity should never be overlooked as a means to personal gain.

And so it goes: Alan Perlmutter of Toronto found a new way to merchandise microwaves: Jim MacKenzie introduced his innovative Molly Maid cleaning service to all parts of North America; Rex Faithfull produced a plastic kettle, an electronic toaster and similar products that are eagerly welcomed in many countries; Steve Chepa devised superior smoke detectors in a highly competitive field and is on his way to the production of radically different gas detectors and burglar alarm systems; Lois Warren is the largest data retriever in Canada whose major clients draw upon a deposit of $5,000 for her time and computer charges.

What ingredients go into the magic of commercial success? They include imagination, daring, hard work, a tinge of idealism and a dollop of good luck. After reading this entertaining book one can only shrug and repeat the old yiddish refrain: "Fun alles macht min a leben."

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Applebaum, Barnes and Steinberg

Koffler program features 3 major Jewish composers

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

Meet the Composer, a Sunday evening series, organized and presented by the Koffler Centre of the Arts' Music Department, explores the art of the composer with three eminent Canadian Jewish composers.

Louis Applebaum begins the series on Sunday, Feb. 8. Applebaum, who began his career with the National Film Board in 1941, has composed over 200 film scores in the U.S. and Canada which have won an Oscar nomination, the Canadian Film Award, and other honors.

Applebaum has been associated with the Stratford Festival since its inception as music director and composer for almost 50 of its plays. His fanfares have introduced every Festival Theatre performance since the opening night in 1953.

Louis Applebaum

He has scored several hundred radio and TV programs on all the major networks. His concert works have been written for ensembles of all sizes.

In 1971 Applebaum became executive director of the Ontario Arts Council, resigning in 1979 to become chairman of the federal Cultural Policy Review Committee. In 1976 he was appointed an officer of the Order of Canada.

Milton Barnes presents the second program March 8. Barnes has nearly 100 works to his credit. In 1964 he founded the Toronto Repertory Orchestra, and in 1968 was appointed composer/conductor in residence for the Toronto Dance Theatre.

Milton Barnes

His Poems from the St. Lawrence and Saguenay was performed for the CBC's televised opening concert of the 1984 Toronto International Festival. He has also composed many Jewish-theme works.

Ben Steinberg, Temple Sinai music director, concludes the series April 5. His cantata Echoes of Children won the international Gabriel award in 1979 and was broadcast by PBS-TV with the Toledo Symphony and actor Herschel Bernardi as narrator.

Ben Steinberg

Steinberg has conducted the North American premieres of newly discovered Jewish music of the Baroque period which he brought back from Israel. The American Harp Society presented him with a composer's award in 1983, honoring his Suite on Sephardic Themes.

He was honored in 1978 and again in 1980 by the City of Jerusalem which invited him to be an artist-in-residence at its creative retreat — an honor reserved for composers, artists and writers of international stature.

For further information contact Sandra McArthur at 636-1880 ext. 335.

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Tenor Jon Vickers and soprano Lois Marshall will headline a gala concert at Roy Thomson Hall to celebrate the Royal Conservatory's 100th anniversary on Feb. 10. Call 978-3771 for details.

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Just a reminder about the Toronto Symphony's Great Gathering March 9 at Roy Thomson Hall, featuring, in one concert, Isaac Stern, Pinchas Zukerman, Mstislav Rostropovich, Victor Borge, Yo Yo Ma, Maureen Forrester, Murray Peraiha, Seiji Ozawa, and many others of equal rank. For more information, call 593-7769.

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Musica Viva is living proof of the enrichment Soviet Jewish emigration has given to Toronto's local chamber music scene.

The presence of oboist Senia Trubashnik and cellist Grigory Goldberg, together with Torontonians Katherine Rapoport on viola, Vicki Blechta on flute and Cecilia Ignatieff on piano, comprised a first-rate ensemble which recently charmed a sizable audience at Hart House's Great Hall as part of its Sunday afternoon concert series.

The outstanding selection of the program was the Trio (flute, oboe and piano) by the contemporary Swiss composer Jean-Michel Damase. Other selections included trios by Martinu and Weber as well as Mozart's Adagio and Rondo in C minor.

Historical retrospective will be programs' theme for the Sabbath of Song

TORONTO —

Historical retrospective will be the theme of major programs in the upcoming Shabbat Shira (Sabbath of Song) weekend on Feb. 13-15.

At Temple Sinai, the accent will be on The Generation Before. Cantor Severin Weingort and the Temple Sinai Choir under the leadership of Ben Steinberg will present liturgical works by leading composers from the mid-20th century such as Herbert Fromm, Reuben Kosakoff, Julius Chayes, Max Salzman, Isadore Freed, Heinrich Schalit (famed for his wedding scores) and Marc Lavry.

Music by past cantors

The historical retrospective will be more direct at Beth Tzedec, where, in honor of the 100th anniversary of the formation of its predecessor shul, Goel Tzadec, music composed by the synagogue's present and previous cantors will be featured.

The various services will include music by past cantors Akiva Bernstein, Bernard Wladowsky and Joseph Cooper as well as current cantor, Paul Kowarsky, music director Gordon Kushner and longtime choir member Danny Drutz.

At Holy Blossom, the retrospective goes much further back in time. The service on Feb. 13 will consist of liturgical music by Salomone Rossi, the great Renaissance Italian-Jewish composer, for Cantor Benjamin Maissner with choir, harpsichord and string quartet.

On Sunday morning Feb. 15 the Ensemble for Early Jewish Music presents music of the Sephardi Jews. And on the evening of the same day, there will be a concert featuring Early Hebrew Art music, in which the previously mentioned performers will be joined by Douglas Bodle on harpsichord. Call Holy Blossom for ticket information.

Beth Tikvah's weekend will open with the premiere of Michele Green's Sim Shalom, which she will also conduct. On Feb. 14 there will be a major evening concert consisting of Toronto Symphony lead cellist Daniel Domb, Cantor Ephraim Sapir, and music-director-composer Srul Glick.

Domb will perform such works as Bloch's Nigun, Glick's Prayer for Solo Cello, Sonata for Solo Cello, Ben-Haim's Three Songs Without Words and Stuchevsky's Freilach for Cello and Piano. With the choir, Domb will perform Glick's Yiddish Suite No. 1. Sapir will sing three art songs by Julius Chayes and Lazar Weiner, Glick's Un'Tane Tokef, and the first concert performance of Glick's Yisrael for cantor and piano.

At Adath Israel, New York Rabbi Yachov Rosenberg of the Jewish Theological Seminary, who is also a singer, will speak and perform at a dinner sponsored by the Brotherhood during Shabbat Shira. This will be one of Rosenberg's last performances before making aliya. For further information call 635-5340.

And readings at library

Regular Shabbat Shira services will be conducted at other synagogues that are not sponsoring special programs.

Not formally affiliated with a synagogue, but nonetheless in the spirit of Shabbat Shira, will be the Jewish Public Library-Jewish Book Committee of Toronto Jewish Cultural Council-sponsored program of dramatic readings and musical renditions in Hebrew, Yiddish and English.

Featured will be Cantors Louis Danto, Hesh Mayersdorf, together with Nathan Garnick and Brina Rose with grade 13 students from the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. This event will be held at 8 p.m. Feb. 14 at Beth Tzedec. Admission is free.

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Arts

Neurotic cinematic attacks piled high

B-Movie: The Play provides grade A bellylaughs

Stephen Ouimette as a manic movie buff is a scene-stealer in the hilarious comedy, B-Movie: The Play.

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

The advance reviews have heralded *B-Movie: The Play* as "the funniest Canadian comedy ever to hit the boards." And, by gosh and by Groucho, they may well be right.

The inspired piece of lunacy currently convulsing audiences at Toronto Workshop Productions (at 12 Alexander St., 925-0526, until Feb. 9) is described by its creator, Edmonton-born playwright-actor Tom Wood, as a farce examining "how movies have warped our collective brain."

It piles parody on top of parody of just about every movie cliche you've ever seen, and if you're a movie buff, as I am, you'll be howling all evening.

The bellylaughs begin at the very opening of the zany proceedings as credits and images flash on a film screen. Off-camera, we hear the voice of Wood, portraying a small-time Canadian film director named Art, recounting to his psychiatrist his childhood mania for the movies.

We see little Art growing up in Canadian winters "as white as *Dr. Zhivago*" in a lonely black-and-white home where "Daddy, a truck driver, was *The Invisible Man.*"

Then the wonderful escapist world of movies enters his life. "It was," says Art, "like Ingmar Bergman meets *Night Of The Living Dead.*"

We then flash back to Stan's apartment (located above a Chinese grocery store), where his cameraman named Stan makes his stage entrance, costumed like a Hollywood version of a Roman centurion.

As played brilliantly by Dora Award-winning Toronto comedian, Stephen Ouimette, Stan is a manic blend of Harpo Marx, Robin Williams and all three of The Three Stooges.

He is even more obsessed with movie stereotypes than his roommate Art and within a few minutes, the wild shlemiel is impersonating everybody from Peter Lorre to Gypsy Rose Lee.

He culminates his goofy masquerades by tumbling nude out of the window — and, from the Oriental shrieks which ensue, we gather he also falls right through the awning of the Chinese grocery store below.

Enter Art, who looks and behaves like a demented fusion of Harold Lloyd from the early talking picture era to Mel Brooks at his slapstickiest.

Art is afflicted with a neurosis he calls "movie damage" — in periods of great tension, he lapses into a fantasy life, convinced he is Blanche Dubois from *Streetcar Named Desire* or one of the many tormented characters suffering from Swedish *angst* in a bleak Bergman drama.

Those neurotic cinematic attacks occur frequently during the unwinding of what passes for a plot.

It involves Art trying to make a quickie movie that is a modern version of *Oedipus Rex.* He has conned a blonde, minor soap opera actress from the U.S. to star in the role of Joanna (the updated name of Lucasta); and to play her lover-cum-son Eddie, he hires a male hunk who is a local stripper accustomed to performing clad only in a jock strap and earrings.

The shoestring budget for this mad venture is provided by Stan's sister Lottie. She is a bankteller who begins by helping Art wheedle cash out of customers to help "angel" the movie.

She winds up playing various character roles in the movie. And in the last act, after Art indulges in the supreme movie cliche of removing her glasses and falling in love with the beauty thus revealed, they end in a movie clinch.

As portrayed hilariously by Vancouver comedienne Corrine Koslo, Lottie is a hornrimmed 1-ton truck in bobbysox — call her a "trucklette," and you'd be right on — and she virtually steals the show from the other gifted performers.

Director Bob Baker, who originally staged the farce at Edmonton's Phoenix Theatre last April, keeps the action moving at the furious pace it demands.

Another Edmontonian, Michael Becker, has assembled the damndest collection of musical sounds that evoke instantly the atmosphere of every werewolf, mummy or Frankensteinish monster that has ever spooked a horror film.

And designer Leslie Frankish has created for the climax of the comedy a smoke-breathing Godzilla monstrosity that pokes its evil snout into the apartment window — and thus produces vituperative Chinese curses from Lum the grocer below, which are duly rendered into English subtitles on an overhead screen.

As in most farces, there are a couple of vignettes that are strained and excessive and could be cut.

But apart from that minor quibble, this Shaw Festival production is a major breakthrough in Canadian comedy. The bellylaughs in *B-Movie* are almost all grade-A, and I hope its engagement is extended, so I can return to see it again.

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RRSP rules always changing

Planning retirement pensions can be confusing

By
SONNY GOLDSTEIN

TORONTO —

There have been many changes to the laws which affect both our tax planning strategies and our retirement planning. I am going to try to explain some of these changes and their effects on our planning.

In some instances the changes are still in the proposal stage and in other cases they are already law. I'll point out which is which and try not to be as confusing as some of the laws are themselves.

Many people are still confused about how much they can put in their RRSP for both 1986 and 1987. If you are not a member of a pension plan through work, (other than Canada Pension Plan, to which everyone must belong) then you are allowed to put up to 20% of your earned income to a maximum of $7,500 into your RRSP, or into a spousal RRSP.

This limit will remain in effect for both the 1986 and 1987 tax years and then the rules will change again.

If you are a member of a company pension plan, the limit of $3,500, minus any employee contributions to the plan, will continue to apply, regardless of whether it is a money purchase or defined benefit plan.

Another area of confusion concerns whether or not people already receiving a pension can continue to roll their pension income in its entirety into their RRSP.

For company pensions and Canada Pension Plan and old age security payments, the answer is yes and you still have until the end of February to do so.

If such income is your only source of income and you want to put it into a spousal RRSP, then you are limited to 20% of that income into the spousal plan.

If you are already receiving an RRSP annuity income, because you annuitized prior to age 71 but still want to shelter that income, you can do that too, but you must direct those annuity payments directly into your RRSP as they are made. You can't go back now and try to put them into your current RRSP.

While I do not wish to further confuse anyone's thinking by discussing changes for 1988 and beyond that have already been introduced, I do think we should also be thinking about the Ontario pension reforms which will impact on those who are members of pension plans at their work or those who own their own businesses and are now setting up pension plans for their employees or for themselves.

The big change already announced by the provincial government is that vesting or "locking in" of employer contributions must now take place after two years rather than the old rule of "age 45 and 10 years service."

Other rule changes announced, but not yet introduced, are the possibility of mandatory indexing and mandatory joint and survivor benefits.

These will both seriously reduce the starting level of the pension income, so if you are a member of a company pension plan, this is another signal that you should be doing all that you can to supplement that plan with your own savings.

In all of these matters, the need for sound advice from a competent financial advisor is once again of paramount importance.

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"Junk" fetches good price at auctions

By
HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO —

It's the kind of thing that only happens in the movies. Someone is throwing out a worthless piece of junk when another person comes along and professes a liking for the piece.

He is given the item for free and happily heads home to hang it on his wall. Twenty years later, he discovers its true worth by accident and sells it for an instant fortune.

A previously unknown Kreighoff which was expected to fetch upwards of $200,000 in the most recent Sotheby's auction has just such a history.

Found by Christina Orobetz, manager and director of Sotheby's Canada Inc., the painting was rescued from the junk pile by a teenager who had a fondness for Indian paintings.

It hung on his wall in North Carolina for more than 20 years — uninsured — until he took a magnifying glass to the signature one day and was stunned to discover it was a Kreighoff.

When he was informed of its value, he immediately got on a plane — one seat for him and one for the painting — and flew to Toronto to auction the painting in the fall auction.

Orobetz, a graduate of art history from the University of Toronto and formerly of Sotheby's British Paintings Department in London, England, has made another important discovery of a previously unknown work by a well known artist.

In 1982 she discovered a pen and ink drawing by Vincent van Gogh in Montreal which sold for $150,000 and now belongs to the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Auctions of such pieces enjoy a healthy market in Canada, although works of such value are unusual. The average successful bid for art is in the neighborhood of $10,000 to $20,000, says Orobetz, but can go as high as $350,000 to $400,000 for paintings by recognized artists.

The minimum value of a piece of art left for auction is usually $1,000 and it is accepted in "as is" condition. Orobetz cautions would-be auction participants not to collect strictly for investment value.

"Do not buy anything just as an investment, buy it because you like it and can properly look after it. It is important that you go to great lengths to educate yourself about the type of art you are interested in — go to auctions, read books, go to galleries and ask yourself if you really like it. Always buy the best you can afford, so it is better to get one good piece instead of two lesser pieces."

Rare jewelry for sale

Tracy Sherman, vice president of Sotheby's Canada Inc. and director of jewelry, says the same philosophy holds true for jewelry. Unlike art, however, most jewelry pieces have minimum reserve bids that will be accepted because of "their intrinsic value above and beyond their retail appraisal."

Although not all of the works included in the two annual auctions are by Canadian artisans, all are owned by Canadians. Average prices range from $500 to $25,000, but can go as high as $500,000.

"The advantage of buying at an auction is the opportunity to obtain older and rare pieces not normally for sale. The cost is much lower because the auction house doesn't have the overhead of a jewelry store.

"Just as many people sell their jewelry by auction for cash, others buy at auctions to upgrade their collection or because of a change in fashion," says Sherman.

The most interesting piece Sherman has located for auction was a Moghul Indian emerald pendant brooch given to a U.S. ambassador.

This piece was unique not only for its beauty, but because the provenance (history) was known, something not usually obtainable for jewelry pieces.

The next Sotheby's auction in Toronto will be held in the spring. Call Christina Orobetz at Sotheby's for details.

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Business Outlook

Recommended only as portion of total savings

Real estate RRSP funds meant for long term

By
STEVEN KELMAN

Investors can't hold real estate directly in an RRSP. But they can hold units of real-estate pooled trust funds, which are essentially mutual funds that invest in real estate and are designed for the pension and RRSP markets.

They invest in industrial and commercial income-producing properties. Generally they avoid residential properties such as apartment buildings because of rent controls.

There are only a handful of real estate funds. Some have had problems. The oldest real-estate RRSP fund, District Trust Retirement Savings Plan Real Estate Fund, was liquidated after its sponsor, District Trust Co., ran into financial problems.

Then Real Property Trust of Canada, which began offering units to the public in 1979, changed managers in 1985 because of a dispute between its trustees and managers. Redemptions have been suspended temporarily.

Possibly decade or more

In September, Canadian Property Investors Trust suspended redemptions after the Ontario Securities Commission expressed concerns about appraisals of two properties.

The return on real-estate funds are made up of income and capital appreciation. Because real-estate markets fluctuate, the funds should not be considered short-term investments.

Rather, they should be looked at by people who are willing to hold them for the longer term, possibly a decade or more.

Moreover, real estate is a commodity. Its value depends on such things as vacancy rates, cost of mortgage funds, and confidence in the economy.

Many financial advisers suggest that real-estate funds be considered only by people who already have substantial RRSP assets and then only for a limited portion of the total.

Like other investment funds, the key to positive returns is the quality of assets in the portfolio and the management behind it. Consequently, managers are supposed to stick with the best-quality real estate, generally in major urban centres.

They will look at factors such as quality of construction, municipl plans, zoning restrictions, demographic trends, financing and lease maturities, besides price and cash flow, when they determine whether a property is suitable for a fund.

And because judgment has so much to do with success or failure, experienced management is a must, especially since a well-managed property has a better chance of appreciating or holding its value than one that is poorly managed.

Real-estate funds aim at returns in the 18% to 20% range. But investors should realize that the returns reported by real-estate pooled trust funds are really estimates.

The value of real estate is determined by independent appraisers and their appraisals are simply informed opinions of what they think a property is worth.

Real-estate fund values are not based on actual transactions like bond and stock funds.

Also, properties are generally appraised only on the anniversary of their purchase. So, in periods of rapidly rising or falling real-estate prices, the unit values of the funds may understate or overstate the true value.

The funds are best left to individuals who are willing, or whose advisers are willing, to spend the time necessary to examine and compare funds at the time a purchase is contemplated.

Moreover, while a real-estate pooled trust fund is a long-term investment, performance should be closely monitored.

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Business Outlook

Long-term savings in stable marriages

Spousal RRSP offers income splitting method

By
STEVEN KELMAN

TORONTO —
Significant long-term tax savings can be made by registering an RRSP in the name of your spouse, even if the spouse has received little or no earned income during the year.

The objective of setting up a so-called spousal plan is to provide two streams of income during retirement.

Depending on your income levels during retirement, they could be taxed at a substantially lower rate than a single stream flowing to you.

Taxes would be further reduced, as both will be eligible for the $1,000 pension income reduction beginning at age 65.

Spousal plans cannot be set up retroactively with funds transferred from one spouse's RRSP to the other's. And, while you may transfer pension benefits to your own RRSP, you cannot transfer them to a spousal plan.

Indeed, under the tax regulations, there are only two circumstances where money in an RRSP can be transferred without tax on a spouse's plan.

The first is on the death of the taxpayer before the plan matures, provided that the spouse is named as beneficiary in the plan or will.

The second is on marriage breakdown, provided the taxpayer's spouse or former spouse is living apart and a court has ordered a division of the plan as a result of a marriage breakdown.

So, because you can't transfer funds from your plan to your spouse's normally, to take full advantage of this perfectly legal way of income splitting during retirement, spousal plans should be set up at a relatively early stage in one's working life.

You can make contributions to a spousal plan even if you contribute to your own plan. However, the total you are allowed to contribute and deduct from income cannot exceed the amount that you would normally contribute to your plan.

In other words, if you are not in a registered pension plan, the total contribution you make to your plan and your spouse's plan cannot exceed (for the 1986 and 1987 taxation years) 20% of earned income up to $7,500.

So, if you could contribute the maximum and decided to put $1,500 into your own plan, you could put $6,000 into your spouse's. If you are in a registered pension plan, your limit (for 1986 and 1987) is 20% of earned income up to $3,500, less the contribution you make to your pension plan.

So, if you contributed $1,000 to your pension plan during the year, you have $2,500 that you can apportion between your RRSP and your spouse's.

A contribution to a spousal plan can be made regardless of whether the spouse is making contributions to the plan.

In cases in which the husband has substantial retirement savings through a company plan, an RRSP, or both and the wife has very little, they can each direct their contributions into the wife's plan.

Furthermore, the husband may make contributions to a spouse's plan even if he is over 71 and, of course, still has earned income, provided that her plan has not yet matured.

All RRSPs must be deregistered no later than Dec. 31 in the year of the plan holder's 71st birthday.

Spousal plans should generally be considered long-term savings programs designed for retirement. As well, they should be considered only by couples whose marriages are stable.

Once a plan is set up, it becomes the property of the spouse. The husband, say, cannot touch it, even if he made the contributions.

Many couples aim at having the same amount in each spouse's plan at retirement. That makes sense, provided both will withdraw the same amount into income each year from a RRIF and both anticipate having relatively equal amounts of income from non-RRSP sources.

Cashing in a plan can trigger some unwelcome tax liabilities. For example, people should not set up spousal plans with the intention of deregistering them a few days later, thinking the money will be taxed at the spouse's lower marginal rate.

Revenue Canada frowns on spousal plans deregistered within three years. Under the act, if a woman cashes in her plan, the tax authorities will consider the amount up to her husband's contributions of that year and the previous two years as his income, and tax him accordingly.

Consequently, he will pay tax on the money from the plan at his rate and not at her generally lower rate.

Furthermore, it makes no difference whatsoever if the plan or plans cashed in contained contributions made more than three years ago.

Ottawa will still look at whether contributions have been made to a spousal plan during the past three years. If so, it will treat the proceeds as the husband's income and tax it accordingly.

If the spousal plan contains contributions made by both husband and wife and the wife deregisters only part of the funds, the husband will still pay tax on the proceeds up to the amount of his contributions made during that year and in the previous two years.

Transferring a spousal plan to a registered pension plan, RRIF, or annuity, then withdrawing the proceeds, does not avoid these rules. The exceptions are life annuities which cannot be commuted for three years.

Only when there have been no contributions into the spousal plan for three years can the wife, say, cash it in and have the proceeds taxed at her rate.

Of course, if the spousal plan matures and the proceeds are used to buy a life annuity or other retirement option, no tax is payable on the proceeds, regardless of when the husband made his contributions.

Similarly, if either the spouse of the taxpayer dies or becomes a nonresident, the rules don't apply, and collapsing the plan will not trigger tax at the husband's rate.

Some couples do use spousal plans as medium-term savings vehicles. The wife cashes in the plan three years after the husband has stopped making contributions, so the money is taxed at her lower rate.

Nevertheless, by far the most common use of spousal plans is retirement savings.

As for spousal plans best being left to couples with stable marriages, there have been cases in which the husband discovered that his wife or former wife has cashed in her plan only when he received a notice of reassessment from Revenue Canada.

Again, once the money is in the spousal plan, it belongs to the wife. She does not need her husband's permission to dispose of it.

But if she withdraws the funds, her husband may face tax liabilities.

Leumi head choice stirring controversy

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
A new board of directors of Bank Leumi was formally ratified last week by the members of the outgoing board, whose resignations became effective immediately. But controversy continued to simmer over the new chairman, Meir Heth, a former president of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

One member of the new board, Oded Winkler, quit even before it took over in protest against the choice of Heth. Winkler, director-general of the Federation of Kibbutz Industries, announced his resignation, saying he was dissatisfied with the selection of Heth, who was reproved by the Beijsky Commission last year in its report on the 1983 bank shares scandal and the stock market panic which ensued.

Heth was selected from a field of five candidates by the board of the Jewish Colonial Trust, owner of the Bank Leumi, by virtue of its founder's shares and as majority stockholder. He maintained that mere mention of his name in the Beijsky report did not disqualify him.

The report found that he was aware of the manipulation of bank shares by the country's leading banks but did nothing about it when he headed the Tel Aviv Exchange.

According to Heth, he had in fact warned against the practice and no longer headed the exchange when the scandal broke. He noted that he would receive compensation as chairman of the Bank Leumi board but, unlike his predecessors, it would be "within normal, acceptable Israeli standards."

The outgoing directors announced their resignations three weeks ago after a new scandal erupted over excessive remuneration given Ernst Japhet, former chairman and chief executive officer of the bank, when he stepped down last spring in compliance with the recommendations of the Beijsky Commission.

Japhet reportedly was given $4.5 million in severance pay and a $30,000 per month pension. Heth promised to consider the findings of a committee appointed to look into the matter and to decide whether to try to recover any of the monies paid to Japhet.

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Business Outlook

Popcorn business popping briskly for company

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

At Kernels Popcorn, things keep popping up a success.

Conceived in 1983 by Toronto businessmen Scott Staiman and Richard Sadowski, Kernels has since grown into Canada's largest chain of popcorn stores. In the process it has gone through a change of ownerships and come full circle to one of its originators.

Staiman told The CJN that Kernels got underway after his longtime friend Sadowski called and asked him if he would like to go into business together. Rejecting the idea of selling cookies as it didn't excite him, Staiman says Sadowski's idea of selling flavored popcorn sounded interesting and so the two began to explore the idea more closely.

The first step included a trip down to Chicago where they visited Garrets posing as journalists to get information about the 35-year-old popcorn business.

"It was raining when we arrived," says the 33-year-old popcorn king. "However business was quite brisk."

Charged up from their visit, the two returned to Toronto and began planning their first outlet.

While the concept of a retail popcorn outlet may sound like easy money in the bank to some, it did not initially go over with Cadillac Fairview, owners of the Eaton Centre. However, the real estate giant not only eventually approved the partners' application, but purchased the concept — changing Staiman's and Sadowski's lives in the process.

"When the first store opened we realized it was going to be a full time effort and would eventually become a chain," Staiman says.

Kernels opened its doors to the public in November 1983 in the Eaton Centre with Staiman and Sadowski as its operating management, while Cadillac Fairview provided financial backing and provided key locations in prime Canadian malls. Five weeks later the second outlet opened in the Fairview Centre and four months after that a third outlet came onstream.

Before that happened though, Kernels underwent a change of ownership as Garth Drabinsky's Cineplex Theatres bought out the popcorn company from Cadillac Fairvew.

Staiman says this happened after he approached his friend Drabinsky and suggested that the flavored popcorn would be a nice addition to the theatre's confection counter.

"He liked the idea so much he bought the company," says Staiman, borrowing from a television commercial.

Under Cineplex's ownership, Kernels continued to prosper and grow to 19 stores. At the same time, Cineplex acquired Odeon Theatres, the U.S. Plitt theatre chain and transacted 50% ownership to the MCA Corporation.

With the growth of Cineplex, Staiman says Kernels became lost in the entertainment corporation and he realized it was time to either leave or buy back the company he had founded. Opting for the latter option, Staiman began negotiations with Cineplex last January and in May purchased back the company and bought out Sadowski from the management company that ran Kernels.

Kernels now has 31 stores across Canada and another 15 are planned to open this year. Its locations include Towne & Countrye, Woodbine Centre, The Promenade, Steeles West Market, Bramalea City Centre, Pickering Town Centre, Square One, Oshawa Centre, Kingston Centre, Georgian Mall, Jackson Square in Hamilton, Market Square in Kitchener, Sarnia Eaton Centre and Eaton Place in Winnipeg.

Kernels also has four outlets in Montreal, one in Ottawa, two in London, Ont. and single outlets in Saint John and Moncton, NB.

Each outlet prepares its own popcorn fresh daily and carries 20 of Kernel's 45 flavors which patrons can sample at any time.

"Sampling is a licence to do business," he explains. "It brings people to the outlet."

As well as selling popcorn in bags, Staiman says it is also available by the bucket. Kernels is beginning to approach corporate clients with the idea of having businesses buy buckets with corporate logos as special occasion gifts for employees.

As well as developing corporate business, Staiman says Kernels is constantly coming out with new products including Chateauneuf Du Pop, a wine-shaped bottle of kernels, a gift box and Popcorn On The Cob. The latter is a jar which includes popcorn, kernels and corn husks with the kernels ready to be peeled.

As well as new products, Staiman says Kernels will soon be coming out with a new category of popcorn flavors. At the moment there are four categories including plain, savories which are the spice flavors, glazes such as carmel corn and deluxe which include premium flavors like double butter.

Staiman adds that the butter flavors — carmel corn, double butter, butter glaze, butter salt — are the most popular, with double butter being his own favorite.

The new category of flavors which will be released in a few months will be glazed and richer tasting, as well as more expensive.

Popcorn On The Cob is one of many new products produced by Kernels Popcorn.

Tourism industry grant

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Business Outlook

In Toronto's garment district

Joining the family business still has its rewards

TORONTO —

Lindzon Ltd., Vanity Fair Belts, Bernard Cowan Co. and the Camden Group. What do these manufacturers in Toronto's garment district have in common? Young blood . . . the second generation . . . heirs to businesses established by previous generation parents.

"My father started working as a kid in the factories in the Spadina area and later as a furrier for many years before he formed his own company in 1967," says Paul Lindzon.

Lindzon Ltd. is a manufacturer of suede and leather sportswear, and wool coats.

Lindzon was brought up in the business and remembers that "whenever I wanted to see my father I had to go to the factory because he was always there."

As a child, Lindzon sometimes worked at the factory with his father, and then steadily during his high school summers, but he did not think of joining his father's company until he reached university.

"During my years at Ryerson I had my own car cleaning business. I learned how hard you have to work to establish and maintain a business. Then I also realized that my father's well-respected business was waiting for me," says Lindzon.

Lindzon received his degree in business from Ryerson, worked with his father for two years and then went on to York University where he earned his MBA.

He resumed work with his father in 1984, and since then they've doubled the size of the company each year. They've also managed to get a piece of the giant U.S. market.

"My father and I work very well together" says Lindzon. "He takes care of the purchasing and production and I handle the office work, like financial forecasting, planning and sales."

Lindzon has also fully computerized the business. "Every office except my father's has a computer in it," he says, "and the one thing he refuses to change is his pricing method. He still prices the merchandise by sight, and argues that you can look at an item and you'll know how much it should cost."

Vanity Fair Belts, on the other hand, isn't computerized at all. It is still being run in the same way as when it was established by Morris Chesley more than 40 years ago.

"My father has always been in the belt business," says Lloyd Chesley. "He took the first available job when he finished school at 16, and it just happened to be in a belt factory. He managed a few other companies and then formed his own. Dad had to close the company in 1941 because he had to go to war. In 1946 he re-opened with a partner. His partner retired in 1968, and dad ran the company by himself."

Vanity Fair Belts manufactures belts for retail stores, uniform houses and clothing manufacturers.

Lloyd Chesley is a York University film studies graduate who writes screenplays for a hobby. He recently sold one of his plays.

Chesley joined his father's company 10 years ago and, like Paul Lindzon, he didn't grow up with the idea that he would take over the company some day.

"One of the reasons I came into the business was to make my father slow down a little at work. Dad is now 70 years old, but he still likes to run things."

Lloyd's younger brother Stephen joined the company a few months ago. Along with their cousin Marty Rubenstein, who's been with the company since 1971, they are turning the organization into a true family business.

Four years ago the company bought Delta Leather Products, a company that Marty's brother Jerry is now managing.

According to Lloyd, neither he, Marty, nor Stephen has any specific job title or duties. They all work wherever they are needed, whether in selling, purchasing materials, designing belts or bookkeeping.

Another company high on young blood and long on achievements is Bernard Cowan Co. Ltd., which specializes in better ladies' wear and separates. It was started 40 years ago by Bernard Cowan.

"When my father began, he would do all the cutting and shipping in the daytime and then send the pieces out at night to homemakers for assembly," says Bernard's son Mark.

"The business slowly grew from one to two rooms, then to a whole floor, until gradually we took over the whole building."

Mark Cowan began working for his father's company 14 years ago after graduating from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Science degree.

"I wanted to become a veterinarian, but that takes too many years. So I decided to join the company because I felt that there was a good opportunity here," says Cowan.

Within the last year Bernard Cowan has opened offices in Dallas, Chicago, and New York. The Cowans are now considering bringing in a middle man to help handle the inevitable heavy workload.

"Tackling the giant U.S. market was my idea," says Mark. "I felt that there was a great market there for us."

It seems as if these young bloods are ready, willing and quite able to leave their mark on the Canadian fashion industry — and that of the U.S. as well.

There is one company, however, that not only has a member of the second generation but also a member of the third generation in the garment business.

Jack Becker, one of the founders of the Camden Fashion Group, was once a new force in his father's company, A.H. Becker & Sons. He was only 17 when he left school to step into the business because his father had suffered a heart attack.

"When I was working for my father there were no shopping malls and the only large department store was Eatons. To sell our merchandise I would have to go on the road for months calling on people and I can remember going by train up north and selling my merchandise from a hotel room," he says.

Becker left A.H. Becker & Sons in 1951, and moved to Toronto where he joined Klever-Klad, which at that time was considered one of the better ladies dress manufacturers.

Then he went to work for Paradise Crinolines, selling crinolines with Nathan Gold, who many years later became the president of Town and Country.

In 1968, Becker joined forces with Leonard Whyne to form Jack Becker Sales Agency. Whyne headed his own agency, Leonard Whyne Agency.

After a few years, they amalgamated both and called themselves the Camden Fashion Group.

Camden is one of the largest manufacturing sales agencies in Canada. It employs about 18 to 20 people and represents about 25 manufacturers.

Jack's son Jeffrey has recently accepted an offer to become a partner in the Camden Group joining his father and Leonard and Jack Whyne.

Jeffrey graduated from Seneca College with a marketing diploma and worked for General Foods for two and a half years before joining Camden 10 years ago.

Like the other young men following in parents' footsteps, Jeffrey had not planned to work with his father.

"I was asked to join because they needed someone, and I thought it would be a good opportunity for me," says Jeffrey.

"When I started with Camden, I didn't know anything about the garments business. But I did know about marketing," he says.

"I was hired as part of the sales staff, but my responsibilities have grown quite a bit since then. I now help in overseeing some lines and servicing Toronto and Western Ontario with those lines. I also pitch in — in all areas."

That last line sums up part of the challenge of a family business for those involved, as well as part of the fun.

Floor trader's life hectic

Taking on bulls and bears

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

It's 9.30 on a weekday morning, a siren has sounded and Debbie Tenanbaum has started another fast-paced unpredictable day depending whether it is a bull or bear market.

The locale where Tenanbaum spends five days a week on her feet all day is not a zoo or animal farm, but Canada's largest stock market, The Toronto Stock Exchange, where she works as a client floor trader.

"One moment I can be standing around doing nothing and the next can be very hectic," said Tenanbaum, who started as a floor trader in October after working as a floor clerk at The Exchange for 3½ years. "I never know what to expect from moment to moment."

As a floor trader, Tenanbaum is responsible for buying and selling orders for client, Midland Doherty, and getting them the best deals.

To do so, she said it is necessary to know all the traders from the various companies she deals with.

Tenanbaum said that in her business you have to be well liked to get a "good share" of the business, explaining that if a lot of traders want to buy the same shares, a buyer can sell to whomever he wants.

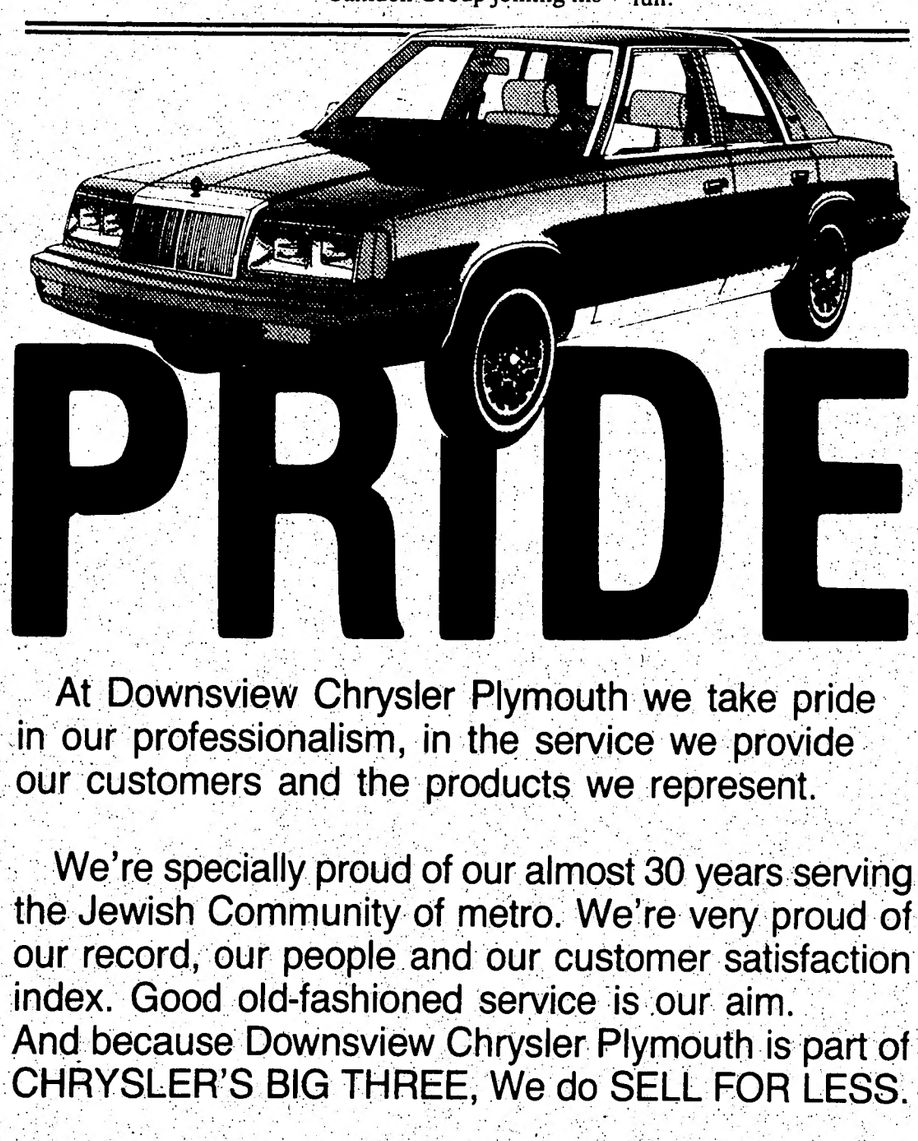
Prior to becoming a floor clerk — the person who gets the orders over the phone and relays them to the trader — Tenanbaum worked in a stockbroker's office. Looking for a more challenging position, Tenanbaum said she decided to enter the "all male" environment at The Exchange building on King St.

To do so, she said, she had to know all the rules and regulations of the stock exchange and had to take an oral test before the the TSE's 12 board of governors.

While maintaining an unpredictable pace during the day, Tenanbaum said there usually is a flurry of activity when the market opens as traders put in orders from the previous day they couldn't fill. When the second siren goes off at 4 p.m., sounding the end of the day's trading, Tenanbaum said she usually just likes to go home and collapse on the couch.

Over the course of a year, Tenanbaum said that while there is no busy season, the period just passed around the holidays, is usually slow.

Tenanbaum said the past year was been good with a high volume of trading.



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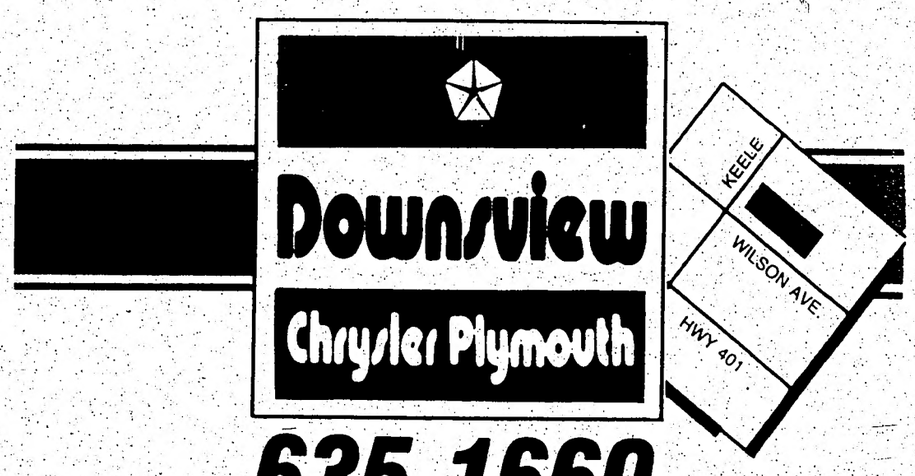

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Business Outlook

Luxury touring sedan

Honda Legend launches line of upscale autos

Automotive history is filled with legendary cars. Few are more renowned than those majestic grand touring machines that owned the roads with their elegance and power... machines that established the standards for generations of luxury cars.

Now Honda has introduced its own Legend — a luxury touring sedan that incorporates the latest high technology and sophisticed design features for excellence, performance and elegant styling.

The Legend is just one of Honda's new upscale line of automobiles being introduced this month which will be marketed by the Japanese company's new division, Acura. It will have its own independent network of dealerships across the country to handle not only sales, but parts and service.

The national network of architecturally designed dealerships feature clean modern showrooms using red and gray corporate colors.

Both the Legend and the Integra are positioned in the middle to upper price ranges of the market.

The Integra comes in 3-door coupes and 5-door sports sedans and offer a number of standard comfort and convenience features. Ergonomics, the science of workplace design, not only makes the interior more comfortable, it helps reduce driver fatigue and increase safety. White on black analog gauges are large, easy to read and logically grouped. All switches and controls are within easy reach.

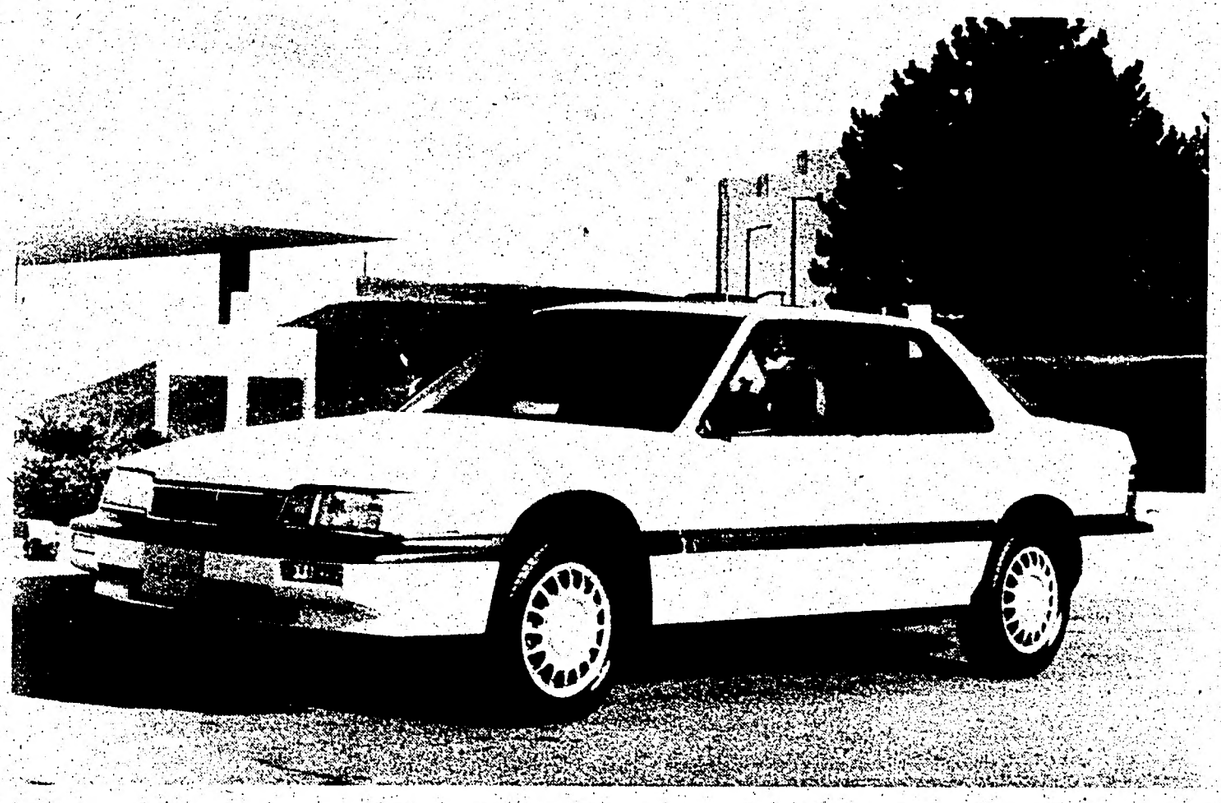
The front seats are form fitting and fully reclining. Rear seats in both models can be folded down individually to provide optimium cargo space.

The Integra comes in two series — the RS and the LS. Standard features include tinted glass, remote hatch release, rear wiper and washer and adjustable steering column.

Standard on the LS are such features as cruise control and a stereo sound system. A removeable sunroof is included on the 3-door LS.

If it's luxury you want then the Legend is just the vehicle. It's body was developed by wind tunnel testing and engineered with the assistance of NASTRAN, a stress analysis computer program developed by NASA for designing space vehicles.

Standard features include a 5-speed transmission, air conditioning, power windows and door locks, cruise control and a top of the line, remote control AM/FM 4-speaker stereo system, complete with a 7-band graphic equalizer.



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Multiple clinic opens branch in Promenade

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

One stop shopping, convenient hours and modern facilities are only some of the features offered by Trident at its newest Healthcourt in the Promenade Mall.

With services that include dentists, family practitioners, a social worker, psychologist, optometrist and weight loss counselor, patients can fulfil most of their health care needs under one roof and during convenient daytime, evening and weekend hours.

According to Wendy Levin, director of marketing, Healthcourt is a fairly new concept in Canada but it is one that is catching on quickly.

"People are tired of rearranging their work schedule to go to the doctor. They want appointments at their convenience. As well, patients like to arrange several medical appointments on one day to save time."

Medical and dental buildings became popular in the 40s and 50s but they were usually downtown and quite a trip for people in the suburbs. If they were close, hours were rigid. Offices ran on office hours.

"Even if a doctor did agree to see a patient in the evening, the main door to the building was usually closed and they would have to go up the backstairs to the office. How many people like to do that with a sick child?" Levin asks.

She says that Tridont has brought health care into the community and made it accessible.

As well as offering extended hours, most doctors at Healthcourt are available on a walk-in basis so patients can avoid having to go to the emergency ward of a local hospital with an ailment that really doesn't warrant emergency room care.

"Patients don't have to wait for hours at the hospital because their complaint isn't serious enough for priority service."

Levin says that previously, doctors ran their offices only at their own convenience. "Now they are listening to what people want."

As well as 85 Tridont dental practices in North America, there are Healthcourts in such places as Calgary, Winnipeg, Brampton, Hamilton, Mississauga and the Eaton Centre in downtown Toronto.

More will be opening soon at Yonge and Eglinton, Yonge and St. Clair and in the Royal Bank Plaza.

Buying, not making

Sluggish growth and high private spending characterized the Israeli economy in 1986, according to the National Accounts estimates from the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Israel's gross domestic product grew by only 1% last year, after a 2% increase in each of the previous two years, with industrial productivity showing no gain at all.

Private consumption rose 12%, almost equalling its record high of 1983.

Total investment fell 7%, largely because of the sharper downturn in residential construction which has characterized the past few years.

Israel's imports increased by 15% in 1986, while exports went up by only 6%.

The trade deficit, excluding military imports, rose $620-million to $2.8-billion (U.S.).

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Business Outlook

Expected to level off in 1987

Housing prices rise dramatically

TORONTO —
An unusually strong resale market resulted in dramatic increases in housing prices in Toronto and surrounding communities in 1986.

Despite normal seasonal declines in activity during the month of December, the value of homes continued to rise through the last quarter of 1986.

According to the Royal LePage Survey of Canadian House Prices, price increases of 35% or more in the past year were common for many categories of housing in the Toronto area.

This compares with typical 5 to 10% increases recorded for the 1984-85 period.

"Continued low interest rates gave consumers more buying power and brought first-time buyers out in force in 1986," says David Higgins, vice-president and divisional general manager for Royal LePage Residential Real Estate Services in Toronto.

"Demand consistently outstripped supply during most of the year, although we anticipate a slow increase in listings beginning in early 1987. Prices should begin to level off, producing a steadier, more realistic market."

Higgins made his comments with the release of the January issue of the Royal LePage Survey of Canadian House Prices. The quarterly, cross-Canada study tracks the estimated selling price of six categories of housing in over 170 communities from coast to coast.

Virtually all areas experienced increasing prices. Demand for housing in the suburbs and outlying areas equaled that in the city centre.

For example, the selling price of a Beaches district detached bungalow, as defined by the survey, has increased by 32.3%, from $133,000 in January 1986, to a current price of $176,000. An identical home in Brampton/Bramalea is up a similar percentage, rising from $110,000 to $145,000 in the past year.

Demand for homes in Metropolitan Toronto areas also forced prices up. In Downsview, a standard 2-storey home is up 62.5%, from $120,000 a year ago to $195,000 today.

Condos prices jump

In Scarborough/West Hill, a similar house is up 50% to $175,000.

In most areas, the price increase for condominiums and townhouses overtook the rise in the value of detached and semi-detached homes.

A standard condominium apartment in North Etobicoke is up 53.8% to $80,000, for example, while a detached bungalow in the same area is up 35.5% to $160,000.

Similarly, in Pickering, the price of a standard townhouse has risen 43.1% to $98,000, while a standard two-storey home is up 20.3% to $142,000.

Condos let yuppies live carefree lifestyle

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Condominiums may be just the answer for single career people who would like to own their own home yet want to maintain their carefree lifestyle.

"When people think of buying property they often think of shoveling snow, cutting grass and mending fences. Single people usually shy away from this," says Ellie Davis, condominium specialist with Royal LePage.

Davis says that condominiums offer the benefits of home ownership yet provide the comfort of maintenance-free living. "Owners pay a maintenance fee every month and do not have to worry about all those chores."

She says that single people really should think about buying a home rather than paying for a high rental apartment.

"There is no better investment in Canada than home ownership. The only time someone need not think about buying is if their rent is extremely low and they invest the difference. It is difficult, however, to find other investments that yield as many tax-free gains as real estate."

She adds that "history tells us home prices have almost always risen, so it is safe to assume your home will appreciate."

Extra costs

Davis says that those looking for a condominium should make a list of features they are looking for such as certain appliances, swimming pool or a specific exposure and keep searching until they find what they want.

"If you don't have a lot of money, however, you may have to compromise. Don't insist on living downtown if there is a condominium further north that is more compatible with your pocketbook," she says.

Davis says that to get an estimate of how much a mortgage you will get from a bank take your gross income and divide it by 40. "That is roughly the amount you will be approved for per month by a lending institution."

However, there are always exceptions. "Someone with no debts may get a higher mortgage."

She warns prospective buyers to be very certain of their monthly payments before they buy. "Some maintenance fees cover more than others. Some condos charge high prices for parking spaces and others charge for outside lockers. Just be sure of all the extra money you will need over the mortgage."

Davis says many people are uncertain about how much a property is worth. "Find an agent you can trust. An agent who specializes in condos knows the market and will show you hard evidence."

Compact kitchen scales

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Davis, Harry on January 19, 1987, late of 587 St. Clarens Ave.
Gotlib, Faye on January 22, 1987, late of 4 Goldfinch Court, #1004.
Klein, Jeno on January 17, 1987, late of 44 Frontenac Ave.
Lugassy, Albert on January 25, 1987, late of 742 Marlee Ave.
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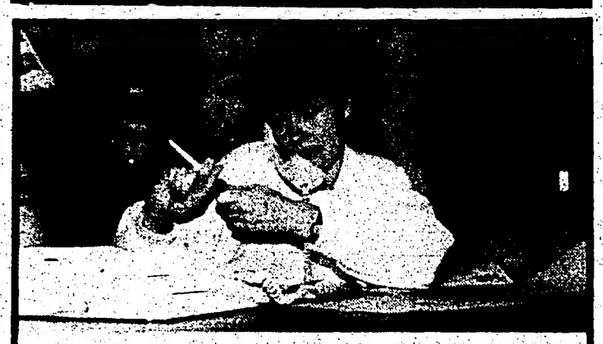

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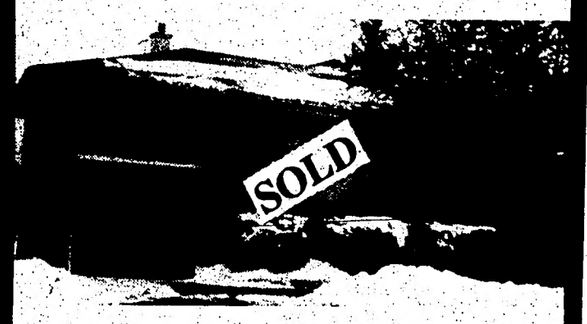

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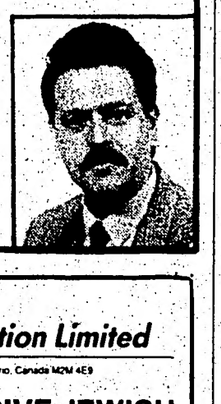

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"Chic chick" struck bottom on cocaine

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Shelley F. was only 16 years old when she began her "weekend love affair" with drugs and alcohol.

The daughter of an upper middle class family active in the Jewish community, Shelley was a student at Wagar High School when she began to take drugs, including marijuana, LSD, mescaline, and graduating, to cocaine.

"It was chic and it was in," Shelley recounts. "As acceptable as having a glass of wine. It was in the halls, and I wanted to be cool, so that's what I did."

Shelley believed the "affair" could be "manageable" limited to weekends. But it took 19 years of continual "use and abuse," a failed marriage, and a baby, to convince her that she could not control her obsession.

When she "bottomed out" and entered a drug detoxification program 20 months ago, Shelley was snorting and "freebasing" seven grams of cocaine daily. Now a member of Cocaine Anonymous, a support group for addicts patterned after Alcoholics Anonymous, Shelley has been "clean" for 20 months.

Now, she says, "I deal with life's problems like anyone else. I've learned that life is beautiful. I'm a walking miracle."

Shelley's comments, at a public forum on drug abuse recently sponsored by the Public Affairs Committee of Allied Jewish Community Services' Women's Federation, provided the most dramatic and candid moments before an audience of about 125 at the Cummings House auditorium.

Joining her for the panel discussion, moderated by CJAD radio host Joe Cannon, were three experts on specific aspects of drug abuse.

According to psychologist Dr. Gloria Steinberg, the rampant use of drugs today is the result of societal obsession with "instant gratification" in a world where it is "harder for people to feel good straight."

The urge to alleviate feelings of stress and inadequacy is bolstered, Steinberg feels, by "quick fix" messages in advertising. The effect, which Steinberg called "insidious and dangerous," is a society in which individuals lack "critical self-evaluation skills.

"The lack of drug information is just part of the picture," she said. The ability to tolerate frustration and to make decisions are crucial for a feeling of "self-worth," and to achieve "natural highs," she said.

Nor is drug abuse limited to "addictive personalities," Steinberg added. "There is no such thing. The more you believe that, the more you don't realize it could happen to you."

Dr. Jean Carlos Negrete, a psychiatrist and director of the Alcoholism and Drug Dependency Unit at the Montreal General Hospital, said that the act of initially stopping drug usage in individuals is not as difficult as "living day to day without resorting to intoxication."

Drug addiction is a disease like any other, Negrete said, a process in which there is a "loss of freedom to decide whether to and how much to use."

Sgt. Michel Pelletier, a public relations and drug squad officer with the RCMP, was a one-time undercover officer who now carries on a public awareness campaign against drugs, especially in schools.

Pelletier acknowledges that with the volume of drug traffic entering the country, the only realistic hope to curtail abuse is by decreasing the demand.

"We all have the responsibility to make children aware, so they won't become tomorrow's criminal statistic."

Pelletier also called for making illegal drug "head shops." He also advocated seizing drug profits and channelling them to viable programs for young people, as well as raising the drinking age.

All the panelists agreed that ultimately, the degree to which children will be tempted by drugs is influenced by their rapport with parents. Families where children are encouraged to broach the subject openly are less likely to experiment.

Parents who "get hysterical" when a child admits to smoking a joint might only prompt him or her to experiment some more.

"You can't curtail drug use by threats or punishment," said Negrete. "Instead be close, be involved with your kids to foster communication. Know what they're doing."

Friends of drug users have the same responsibility, the panelists agreed, including "comforting in a warm, caring manner," and urging the friend to seek out drug-counseling or a self-help group.

The signs of drug abuse remain fairly constant, Negrete said. They include a sudden change in school performance, mood changes, eating and sleeping habits, associating with friends parents have been unaware of, as well as the obvious signs of intoxication, such as red eyes, a runny nose, and speech changes.

Twenty months without drugs and alcohol, Shelley said, has helped her to appreciate "even snow storms . . . and dealing with problems like everyone else." If her appearance at the forum could help even one person, she said, "I'd be grateful."

Ont. to spend $45.1 million on student summer job plan

TORONTO — The Ontario government will spend $45.1 million to create 62,000 jobs for young people this summer, Ontario Skills Development Minister Gregory Sorbara recently announced.

The minister told the board of directors of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce that while the outlook for the summer job market in the private sector remains healthy, jobs will be scarcer in northern Ontario.

To offset this problem, he announced that 23% of the Experience 87 jobs would be located in northern Ontario. Experience 87 offers career-related summer jobs in 26 Ontario government ministries and their associated organizations. Sorbara said the government expects 7,500 students to take part in this program.

The government also intends to boost student employment in the north by giving special consideration to northern businesses that apply to the Ontario Student Employment Program. OSEP pays employers $1.25 an hour toward the salaries of young people hired for new summer jobs and is expected to employ 53,000 this year.

Sorbara said the govenment is also improving it Start-Up program which provides interest-free loans to students for summer businesses by increasing the upper limit of loans 50% to $3,000 from $2,000. This program is expected to result in about 1,250 businesses, creating 1,500 jobs.

Overall, Sorbara said about 1,000 additional jobs will be created over last year. This is a result of the $1.3 million increase in government funding which also covers the increase in the minimum wage.

The minister also linked the summer employment programs with the upswing in the province's business environment, saying that there are three distinct trends that show Ontario is beginning to adapt to changes in the world economy.

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PERSPECTIVES ON ZIONISM
A Symposium: Part II

Labour Zionism

by Dr. Joseph Kage

SINCE the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948, the country has been led by six presidents and eight Prime Ministers.

Five of the six Presidents — Yitzhak Ben Zvi, Zalman Shazar, Ephraim Katzir, Yitzhak Navon and Chaim Herzog were Labour Zionists. The first President of Israel, Chaim Weizman, although not a Labour Zionist, was closely identified with its ideas and aspirations.

Of the eight Prime Ministers, with the exception of Menachim Begin and Yitzhak Shamir, all the others were Labour Zionists — David Ben Gurion, Moshe Sharett, Levy Eshkol, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Perez.

Is it just a coincidence that such a high number of Presidents and Prime Ministers of Israel were Labour Zionists during the crucial period of Israel's birth and struggles? Or was it because Labour Zionism, its ideology, and practical realism in guiding the destiny of the young state, elicited the confidence of the Israeli electorate and of the vast majority of the Jewish people supporting the State?

The answer is clear. It has been widely recognized that it was the ideology and practice of Labour Zionism, through its various programs of Hagshama Azmit — self realization — that established the foundations of the State. It guided the State during the crucial period of the struggle for Independence and during the stormy period of absorbing hundreds of thousands of newcomers, defending the State, building its economy on a partnership between collective and private enterprise, developing its technical and scientific knowhow, establishing the Hebrew language as a modern means of communication, and enhancing cultural advancement in all spheres and among all segments of the State and its societal structure.

What is Labour Zionism that had such a profound effect on national renaissance in Israel and Jewish communal strength, cohesion and evolution in many countries of Jewish settlement?

Shefa Miflagot — Party Pluralism

Modern nationalism is a product of the 19th century and of the principles of personal liberty and national self-determination enunciated by the French Revolution. It was believed that liberalism and democracy could be realized within the framework of nationality.

Ber Borochov evolved a theory combining Zionism and Marxism. A homeland he held, is needed for both labour and capital. The class struggle will help ferment the evolution of a new, ethical society.

Aharon D. Gordon, who deemed physical labour as the basis for human existence, believed that the realization of Zionism could come only through the desire of the individual to change himself. He opposed Marxism and said that Jews must find their own way to create a just society in its homeland. He stressed the real, rather that the external content of religion, and suggested that: "we were the first to proclaim that man was created in the image of G-d. We must go further and say: the nation must be created in the image of G-d." With regard to the Arab neighbours he advocated that the Jewish attitude must be that of humanity and moral courage — even if the behaviour of the other side is not all that is desired.

Berl Katznelson called for accentuating the posi-

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Herut: Its Origin, Credo and Aims

by Amnon Ajzensztadt

IN the spectrum of Israel's so-called "rightist" organizations united under the facilitating political umbrella of the Likud, the most influential and the senior partner of the alliance is, undoubtedly, the Herut.

The second largest party in the land, with all tribal denominations among her ranks — from Ethiopian immigrants to Indian B'nai Israel, to former Atlas Mountain dwellers from Africa, to sophisticated Olim from North and South America, to Soviet Jews from all over the USSR — the Herut is a populist party in the truest sense, symbolically representing the colourful totality of all Israeli citizenry. Despite their varied geographical backgrounds, their diverse cultural applications, their manifold professions and their multi-hued complexions, the Herut has integrated all of these individuals into one large close-knit family of Hebrew patriots.

What, in fact, is the Herut? What does it stand for? When dit it come into being? Who was its spiritual mentor? What role did it play in cultivating the vision of redemption, and in the education and preparation of young Jews in the armed struggle and liberation of Eretz Yisrael from its foreign occupiers? What is its political position vis-à-vis the avalanche of initiatives to relinquish more territory for "peace"? What is its view on the present socio-economic systems and the country's national production and services structures? Is Herut's conceptual association with the religious parties only a coincidental matter of political expediency or is there a profounder affinity between them?

Naturally, one cannot begin to answer all of these questions in an article as brief as this; nonetheless, we will try to address those issues most pertinent to the endurance and common destiny of both Israel and world Jewry.

Its Origin

It all began with a prodigious Odessan journalist named Vladimir Ze'ev Jabotinsky, who was sent in

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Zionist Organisation of Canada

by Milton Winston

THE Zionist Organization of Canada began in 1887 as a modest Zionist Society in Montreal and slowly spread across Canada. The 1914-1918 First World War and the Balfour Declaration transformed the ZOC into a popular mass movement.

Even before the first Zionist Congress was called by Theodore Herzl in Basle in 1897 the ZOC had purchased land in Palestine in Metulla for Zionist settlement. By the time of the Second World War the ZOC had established itself as the "Zionist Voice" in Canada.

The Zionist Societies had merged into a federation with a constitution based upon the program established by Herzl and his colleagues. It called for the Jews to acquire land legally in Palestine, to promote settlements, to create a central Jewish community in Canada, to heighten the consciousness of Jewish sentiment, and to obtain the sanction of governments to the carrying out of the objects of Zionism.

The Zionist Organization of Canada was instrumental in creating the Jewish National Fund of Canada, the United Palestine Appeal (now the United Israel Appeal) the Hadassah Organization of Canada, Canadian Young Judaea and its camps throughout Canada, Canadian Young Judaea and its camps throughout Canada, the Zionist Men's Association (ZMA) and other Israel centered institutions. All of them were affiliates of the ZOC.

Other achievements of the ZOC are the private investments in Palestine and Israel by Canadian Jews and the considerable number of Canadians who have made aliya to Israel. The ZOC had galvanized Canadian Jewry into effective and vocal supportors of the Jewish State.

From the very beginning the Zionist Organization was a non-party organization and a general Zionist movement with a small "g". It has adhered to this principle and has always rejected the concept that Canadian Zionists should be directed by political parties in Israel. For years the ZOC has attempted to prevent the political parties in Israel from dominating the Canadian Zionist scene. The ZOC believed that all Zionists no matter what their political religious or secular ideologies, from left to right, can work for the Jewish State through its framework.

By 1967 the Labor Alignment forces in the Jewish Agency and its political partners in Israel decided to change the role of Zionism in Canada and attempted to force a federation of all political parties into the ZOC. The FZOC was formed and then subsequently the CZF, creating a federation which the Labor Party and its political partners dominated, thus seriously weakening the Zionist movement in Canada. In any executive of the CZF these forces can outvote any other groups. Israeli party politics took over the operation of what was originally a Canadian based Zionist movement.

Even with the advent of the CZF, the Zionist Organization of Canada is playing an essential role in the Zionist Movement of Canada. It remains steadfast in its continuous policy of non-partisan moral support for the State of Israel.

The officers and members of the Zionist Organization of Canada are in the leadership ranks of the Canada-Israel Committees, the United Israel Appeal and Israeli centered educational institutions within the CZF.

Before the last World Zionist Congress the ZOC

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Editor's Notebook

With this issue, we complete the symposium: Perspectives on Zionism, in which we have brought you articles on the ideology and programs of the six major parties within the Canadian Zionist Federation. All parties in the CZF are now campaigning for members in preparation for the selection of delegates to the World Zionist Ogranization Plenary session which will take place in Jerusalem next November. The article on Labor Zionism is by Joseph Kage; on Herut by Amnon Ajzensztadt and on the Zionist Organization of Canada by Milton Winston. They all deserve your close scrutiny.

"Why We Must Do More Than Survive To Survive" by Eugene Kaellis sets forth a provocative and well-reasoned argument in favor of Jewish missionizing. He sees this as a necessity for Jewish survival, given the continuing erosion in Jewish numbers because of the all too familiar combination of low birth rate, intermarriage and secularism. He considers these factors to be irreversible, the only solution being a drive to "convert non-Jews into religious Jews." An important consequence of an effective program of this nature would be, in his opinion, to enhance the Jewish religious option among "lapsed" Jews by instilling in them a greater awareness of their own culture and religion and thus bring them back to the synagogue community.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka, like many community leaders, is deeply concerned by the growing split between the various religious denominations within the Jewish community, which has been exacerbated, in his view, by the recent Reform recognition of patrilinear descent. He foresees that by the year 2000, if present trends continue, there may be three quarters of a million people in North America who will carry Jewish names, will think that they are full members of the Jewish community but who will not be accepted as such by Orthodox and Conservative Jews. This is the 'cataclysm' he foresees and he has written a book called "The Coming Cataclysm" on this subject. He probes the underlying problem with objectivity and suggests that a solution can be found only if the proponents of opposing views are prepared to talk to each other without antagonism, with mutual respect and unite their efforts to arrive at a solution.

David Bercuson, in his article on Israel and the West Bank looks at the "Hard Realities" surrounding the issue and analyzes the complex factors — political, religious, demographic, ethical — that have so encrusted the problem that it seems practically insoluble. He then offers a daring and controversial solution: immediate unilateral partial withdrawal by Israel to carefully selected new borders which, in his view, would protect Israel's sovereignity and also preserve it Jewish character.

Mordechai Ben-Dat recounts with sensitivity, insight and compassion a visit made by him and his four young children to his dying ninety year old grandmother. As he watches his grandmother's joy, and his children's reactions, alternating between fear and love, he confronts his own helplessness before the bitter inevitability of death. Yet we sense that something of transcendent importance is taking place as his grandmother blesses, in turn, each young child.

A Grandmother's Blessing

by Mordechai Ben-Dat

IT is through the interplay of life's opposites, that we gain insight into ourselves.

We are moved by this reflection because in the silence of still moments, we understand very clearly that this is the truth of the human condition.

With my young children, I recently went to visit my grandmother, a lovely woman, an old woman, a woman of ninety. Unlike the opposites of nature, there was no subtlety to the juxtaposition of opposites in this instance. My daughters, in the very dawn of their lives, their senses, their energy, their vitality awakening daily to unlimited possibilities. My grandmother, in the same room, struggling with dusk, depleted of physical essence, her lifeforce receding. For her, no possibilities are left. The real pathos of growing old is losing faith in one's possibilities. The day that she entered the nursing home is the day that she lost that faith.

As a rule, it is difficult to engraft the obligations of one's own heart upon the hearts of one's children. After all, one person's loves may be another person's chores. This is ever more so the case when the parent's heart is deeply obliged to an enfeebled, blind, old woman whose very appearance, simply, is unsettling to the youngsters. And yet, this old woman is *my* grandmother, the mother of my mother, the woman whose home was my home, whose arms were my arms, whose laughter was my laughter, whose love was my love. But she will never be to my children what she was to me; nor can I make it so. Knowing this, I ache.

When we arrive at the nursing home, the children cling to each other and to me. They are frightened, frankly, by the faces, the sounds, the gestures, the misshapen postures of so many of the people, who, from their wheel chairs, greet them with curiousity in the main lobby. All eyes focus upon the four young, little curly tops who have entered their building, their home. This merely quickens the pace of the girls. We go directly to the elevator. It smells unmistakably, though faintly, of dried urine. The girls look at each other, then at me, in silent acknowledgment of the fact.

The same faces, the same sounds, the same gestures, the same postues, though of different persons, await us in a hollow congregation of wheelchairs and walkers as we emerge from the elevator.

The girls still hold fast to each other's hands.

We enter my grandmother's room, her home. She is standing slightly bent over, holding onto her walker. She is inclined toward the doorway, but she is not walking. Her look is toward the doorway, but she does not see. I call out to her. I call her name. I announce my arrival loudly, affectionately. Like a strong, reviving breeze into a limp sail, the sound of my voice immediately straightens her up. More to herself, than to me, in whisper, she says my name twice.

"I have the girls with me. They came to see you. They wanted to come."

I walk quickly, directly to her. I kiss her on her forehead, in her hair. I hold her face in my hands, carressing her cheeks, tracing with my fingers, the gaunt shape and the leathery texture of her face. Her eyes close as I touch her. She places a hand over mine as it passes across her cheek. She is still standing. And the children are carefully watching my love for her.

She can see only the shapes of the four young visitors, who are now standing in a tiny cluster at her side. She cannot see their faces. She gropes for them, asking me to identify for her, each child as she feels for their bodies. Each child steps forward without hesitation, to embrace and to be embraced by this very old woman, to kiss her, and to offer up the sound of their voices, and the touch and smell of their bodies to her. They have left their fear in the hallway and for this I am truly grateful.

I guide my grandmother to the largest chair in her one-room home. I sit down beside her. I do not let go of her hand. The girls hover around us, close enough to my grandmother that she is constantly touching them, and staring at them, and even laughing.

The conversation does not matter, although it is unceasing. There are no silent moments because silence is her normal companion. For now, this very short time being, I, her grandson, and my four children, are her companions.

Inevitably, our visit must end. I whisper to my grandmother that it is time for me to take the girls home. I cannot hide my melancholy. She senses this.

"Bring the little girls forward, so that I may bless them."

Like Joseph at his father's final bedside, I present each of the girls, one at a time for the invocation of my grandmother's blessing. Each in her turn, I bring a child near to her. She kisses them, and embraces them. She carefully speaks individually to each girl her words of promise and of possibility.

The tears are in my eyes alone.

Outside, as we leave the building, my grandmother's home, the girls run and skip to the car. I walk slowly, now, with my fear. And the person for whom I fear, I have just left behind.

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tive, in the sense of not destroying old values, but for a revolutionary constructivism, in reaching out for constructive achievements in the economy, culture, enhancing the social milieu, personal pioneering and cooperation with other Zionist streams.

David Ben Gurion, the architect and the first Prime Minister of Israel defined the sources of Zionism and Labour Zionism as the Messianic hope, return to labour and to the soil of the homeland.

The Messianic hope, according to Ben Gurion, was profound, irrational, independent of timing and place, and old as Jewry itself. Its origins are linked to the story of Abraham . . . to whom the Lord said: "Unto thy seed will I give this land." Throughout their wanderings in exile the Messianic tidings were a solace to the Jewish people and it clung to this promise.

The rising tide of nationalism, the quest for self-determination, the belief in the value of man, nationhood and social justice, paved the way for the longed-for salvation, return to labour and to the soil of the homeland. Ben Gurion highlighted self-determination in the sense that "we have not swallowed whole any dogma" and that the most vital aspect for Labour Zionism is to increase its own strength in labour, in settlement, in cultural development, science, technology, self-defense and organization.

Labour Zionism also adopted, in a modified form, the theory of cultural autonomy in the Diaspora, in various lands of Jewish settlement. This is not political autonomy, but rather in matters of communal organization, welfare, overseas aid, education and culture, in essence, a degree of self-government in Jewish communal life.

Thus, we see that the ideology of Labour Zionism is a many faceted, eclectic thought, embracing the prophetic visions, religious, and secular streams, nationalism based on social justice, self-realisation, labour, cooperative endeavours, struggle for Jewish rights, practical settlement of the homeland as well as Jewish organizational and cultural autonomy in the Diaspora.

In practice, Laour Zionism rejected dogmas. It evolved an ideology, to be adjusted to the realities of the situation, but not short-sightedness. In its day-to-day activities, the ideology of Labour Zionism is guided by a realism with a vision and a sense of imagination of things to come, as long as the common denominator was geared to the needs of the people and the security of the nation. Adhering to its ideological base, Labour Zionism was innovative in practical matters, because it dared to think independently.

Labour Zionism — Deeds

It has been aptly noted that one must not judge a movement on the basis of what it says about itself, but rather by its deeds.

From its very inception there sprang up a number of Labour Zionist groups and factions. Each of the group-factions had its own ideological emphasis, but all of them had one common denominator — national independence, self-realization, enhancement of Jewish culture and spiritual values and the building of a homeland bound up with a just society. There were and there are today certain ideological and strategic differences among the groupings. However, in totality it was the Labour Zionist idea that served as a cohesive common denominator in the concept of an evolving Israel and in the strengthening of Jewish communal life in the Diaspora.

It was primarily adherents of Labour Zionism who turned the swamps of Palestine into fertile lands. They established the Kibbutz settlements which became a bulwark of settlement and self-defence. Labour Zionism was instrumental in establishing the Moshavim-cooperative settlements; they insisted that the land must be built by Jewish labour; they turned town-folk into settlers on the land; they made Hebrew a living tongue; they established the Histadruth and created industrial cooperative enterprises; they created a system and remained a leading force in self-defense; they were the pioneers of turning a depleted land into an advanced society; they were responsible for receiving and resettling thousands of refugees; they developed a network of health and welfare institutions, training schools, youth centers; they proclaimed the state of Israel.

Of course there were many others who participated in this process by providing financial aid, moral support, and personal involvement. But Labour Zionists were the initiators, the leaders, the participants-as part of their belief in Hagshama Azmit, self-realization and in the concept of Livnot ul'hibanot Ba — to build the land, and be rebuilt through it.

In the Diaspora, Labour Zionists became the catalyst in the promotion of Jewish education; the development of Jewish Day Schools and cultural institutions; and active participant-supporters of various communal endeavours.

The Labour Zionist Movement is active in 17 countries on 5 continents. The scope and functions of the various branches differ from country to country and retain a substantial degree of independence in their programming. Labour Zionism believes in maximum freedom of thought and a pluralistic approach in theory and practice, as long as the fundamental precepts of safe-guarding national independence and an ongoing, dynamic search for social, economic, religious and political justice are not violated.

National renaissance combined with social justice form the cardinal principle of Labour Zionism. It firmly believes in the unity of the Jewish people, the need to fortify national counsciousness and the internal strength of the Jewish communities.

Labour Zionism does not claim that it has all the answers, and errors were made. Hence, Labour Zionism appreciates and is ready to cooperate with any groups who may have their own specific area of interest provided their program is free from dogmatic extremism and accentuates issues of national interest based on social justice and democracy.

We are told in Psalm 115:12-18, "The Heaven is the Lord's heaven, but the earth he has given to mankind." The Lord also said that in conducting the affairs of mankind "Zedek, Zedek Tirdof" — Justice, justice you should pursue. This is the essence of Labour Zionism — a sustained pursuit of justice in order to meet the needs of Israel; the safety and well being of Jewish communities outside of Israel; and the evolving and changing psycho-cultural, socio-economic, and political structures of mankind. They are all interwoven and inter-related.

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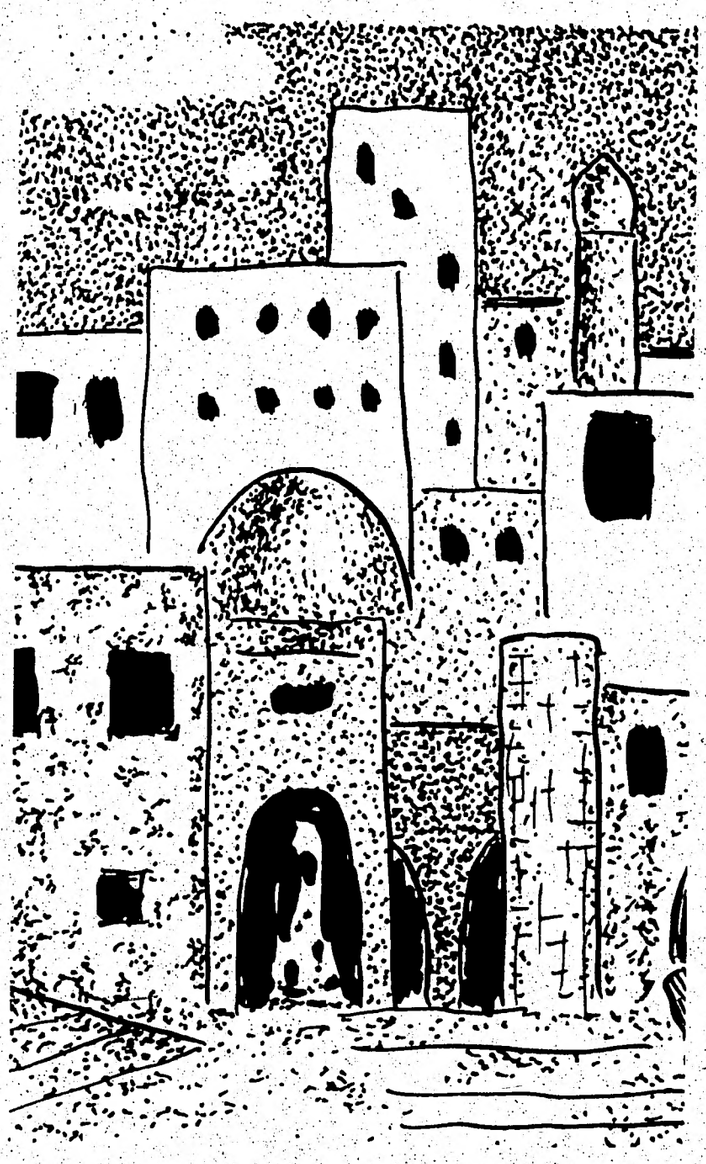
1903 to cover the Kishinev pogrom for the famous Russian newspaper, "Rasviet." The horrifying sight of his massacred brethren shocked him to such a degree that right then and there, he committed his entire life to the rescue of his people.

Following the bloody Kishinev pogrom, Jabotinsky organized the "Haganah," a self-defence Jewish organization, in his native Odessa to fight back against the anti-Semitic hooligans. Moreover, to further counteract the riots and pogroms ensuing from officially sanctioned anti-Semitism, he urged all the threatened communities to organize themselves into self-defence units, and put all his energies into raising funds for the purchase of ammunition.

To protect the spirit of his people, Jabotinsky fought against the trend of Russian youth to flock either into the ranks of underground Marxist-socialist movements or of the Bundists, a quasi-national socialist movement which consisted of Yiddishists, who were violently opposed to Zionism and to the renascence of the Hebrew language. The latter denied the cohesion of world Jewry as a national unit, and instead, urged Jews to remain in their countries of residence and there to fight for freedom and democracy alongside their non-Jewish countrymen. Jabotinsky, however, saw no future in the promise of communist justice and equity for all. His mission, in contrast, became the preparation of Diaspora Jewry for Palestine.



The Jewish Legion

In 1909, during a visit to Palestine, he propagated the idea of Hebrew day schools and universities in the Diaspora. In 1913, together with Chaim Weizmann, he threw himself into the task of establishing a Hebrew university in Jerusalem. In 1914, after the outbreak of World War I, it soon became evident that Turkey, a German ally, was bound to lose; thus, Jabotinsky conceived the idea of a "Jewish Legion" to fight along the side of Britain and France "in exchange for certain promises." And in the early days of 1917, after much frustration and many protracted audiences with the British War Office, for the first time in 2,000 years, a Jewish army re-emerged into existence. In 1928, when recounting "The Story Of The Jewish Legion," Jabotinsky declared, "Half the Balfour Declaration belongs to the Legion."

In 1923, after being expeled from Palestine by the British for organizing a self-defence movement in Jerusalem to counteract bloody Arab attacks, Jabotinsky inspired the Lithuanian Jews of Riga to create the paramilitary youth organization of Betar. Soon, this idealistic youth movement blossomed into a monumental, world-wide network of potential future freedom-fighters.

The Irgun Zvai Leumi

Hitler's "Mein Kampf" and a new wave of vicious, Polish anti-Semitism in the late twenties spurred Jabotinsky's fears for the physical well being of European Jewry. The time had come for drastic remedies. Jews had to be evacuated en masse, especially from the volcanic terrain of Eastern Europe. Unfortunately, Jabotinsky's prognostications found no grace in the eyes of the official Zionist leadership; and the establishment, instead, settled with the British for a limited number of entry certificates while the doorways of the Jewish "homeland to be" remained tightly locked to mass aliyah. In a feverish attempt to save as many as possible from the speedily approaching catastrophe, Jabotinsky ordered his disciples in Palestine to create a clandestine military organization called the "Irgun Zvai Leumi." Its mission was to assist Jewish escapees from Europe and to organize a mammoth illegal emmigration to the shores of Eretz Yisrael.

In his final attempt to change British policy, Jabotinsky stood before the Peel Commission in 1937 and sounded a powerful alarm concerning that government's failure to pave the way for a Jewish homeland in Palestine: "In the face of what is happening now in Europe and with all the accumulated territory the Arabs already have, their claim to Palestine is like a claim of appetite versus the Jewish claim of starvation." But it was too late. The Hitlerite deluge had begun. Aushwitz with its "final solution" came into being, and still the gates of Eretz Yisrael remained hermetically sealed for Jews who were being gassed at the rate of 18,000 a day.

Menachem Begin assumed command of the Irgun, and an extraordinary chapter of Jewish heroism unfolded. While swastikas fluttered all over Europe, and while starving, tortured and dying Jews were still being refused entry into their only haven by a merciless, complacent and unconcerned world, the Irgun

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became locked with the British in a battle for national survival. Members of the Irgun attacked military trains and confiscated their weapons; they attacked fortresses and freed their incarcerated freedom-fighters. When captured, these individuals went fearlessly to the gallows singing songs of hope and victory. Yet, when the danger of Nazism became even greater, the Irgun ceased its anti-British activities and joined the Jewish Brigade to fight under British command against a common foe.

Finally, as Jabotinsky had foretold, after the sacrifice of six million Jewish martyrs, the moment arrived! The blue and white flag of a reborn Israel was raised on May 14, 1948.

The Herut Credo

In July 1948, two months after the inception of the Jewish state, the Irgun veterans, Betar members and Hatzohar haverim in liberated Israel, all seasoned combatants for Jewish freedom, came together and officially established the Herut Movement.

The Herut Movement's philosophy is based on democracy and liberalism; complete respect for personal freedom, social justice and the supremacy of the law. The Movement aspires to make the eternal values of the Jewish heritage an integral part of the national life of the Jewish people in its land.

The Herut Movement upholds the principles of democratic rule: the preservation of basic human rights, individual freedom, protected civil rights, freedom of conscience and the prevention of political, ethnic or any other discrimination.

The Herut Movement aspires to a complete separation between positions of government and those of financial and business ownership; it opposes any form of economic monopoly, and any limitations or constrictions of individual economic initiative. It supports free enterprise of the individual, combined with social justice by the State, and should be considered a liberal, non-socialist party. The Herut Movement works for improved methods of immigration absorption, for strengthening the foundations of the State, for raising the standard of living and for improving the quality of life of all Israeli citizens regardless of origin, position or occupation.

In 1965, a new political bloc called "Gahal" (the Hebrew acronym for "Herut Movement and Liberal Party Bloc") was established by a partnership between the Herut and the Liberal Party. During the same year the "Blue and White" faction, a workers' branch of the Herut Movement, joined the General Federation of Labour (Histadrut).

During the troubled days which preceded the outbreak fo the Six Day War, Gahal initiated the establishment of a national unity government headed by Levi Eshkol. The national unity government was renewed following the 1969 General Elections, this time with the participation of six Gahal ministers (including three from the Herut) in the government headed by Golda Meir. In 1973, Gahal initiated the establishment of the Likud — a partnership between the Herut, the Liberal Party and other small parties, with the Herut remaining as the largest partner.

Begin Takes Power

The establishment of the Likud created for the first time the possibility of altering the State's socialist political system. In May 1977, following the failure to perform in the Yom Kippur War, and the general crisis of confidence vis-à-vis the labour movement, Menachem Begin formed and headed the new government. In the June 1981 elections, the Likud was once again chosen as the largest faction and, once again, formed the government under Menachem Begin. After Begin's resignation at the end of 1983, Yitzhak Shamir was chosen by the Herut central body to form a new government, which was approved by the Knesset.

Under the governments of Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud taught the world that the Jewish people would not jeopardize their freedom nor entrust their fate to the hands of others. Only a strong Israel could bring its Arab neighbours to accept peace, as proven in 1979 when Begin signed the Camp David Accords and achieved peace with Egypt. For the first time, the barrier of hostility was broken and the path toward true peace in the Middle East was opened.

The Prime Minister won international recognition for his peace initiative when, together with the President of Egypt, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Israel's international status rose and her ties to world Jewry were strengthened.

Herut Canada stands for a vigorous State of Israel, and supports the following aims of the Likud in Israel:

- Peace with security;
- The inalienable right to all Eretz Israel, with Jerusalem its eternal capital, including Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District which are the strategic heartland of the Jewish State;
- A dynamic free enterprise economy;
- A repatriation of Soviet and other oppressed Jews;
- Increased aliyah from the free world;
- Intensified Jewish education to combat assimilation and intolerance which endanger the future of the Jewish people.

Peace With Security

Israel now enjoys peace with security in the south, resulting from the peace agreement with Egypt. Israel is in full control of the Golan Heights, and under the leadership of the Likud, the strategically vital heartland — Judea, Samaria, The Gaza District and the Golan — have been populated with 50,000 Jews.

The State of Israel has no security without military control of Judea and Samaria. Along Israel's Mediterranean coastal strip — an area which contains three-quarters of the country's population, most of its industry and its chief international airport — the distance between the coast and the 1949-67 cease-fire lines is between nine and twenty miles. Until 1967, this entire region was exposed to Jordanian medium range artillery shelling, and an invading army could quickly have reached the coast thereby splitting the country in two or more parts. Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, with its governmental institutions and residential neighbourhoods, was within range of rifle fire. Since most of the area is mountainous, under enemy control the region can become what it was before 1967, a springboard for attacks against Israel by a hostile country or a base from which terrorists can easily penetrate Israel and kill civilians. Moreover, when her radar installations are located under the mountain ridges, Israel proves incapable of detecting low-flying aircraft approaching her territory, thus reducing to below acceptable minimum the early warning time necessary for her defence.

As for the legal status of these territories, noted American jurist Eugene Rostow, former UnderSecretary of State and Yale law professor, explains: "The only possible geographic, demographic and political definition of Palestine is that of the League of Nations mandate, which included what is now Israel and Jordan as well as the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The term 'Palestine' applies to all the people who live and have a right to live in the territory — Jews, Christians and Moslems alike. Thus the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are not 'Arab' territories in the legal sense, but territories of the Mandate which have been recognized as belonging to Israel or to Jordan . . . Israel's right under the Palestine Mandate — including its right of close settlement in the West Bank — survived to the end of the Mandate and will continue until Jordan and Israel settle what is essentially a territorial dispute between them . . . ."

Israel and the World

In recent years, under the leadership of Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir — now Prime Minister — Israel succeeded in extending and strengthening her international relations by restoring her links with leading states in Africa, opening relations with Spain, and commencing toward regulating relations with Eastern Europe, starting with Poland.

Aliyah

The Herut Movement has always stood for mass Jewish immigration to the Jewish State. We were among the initiators and leaders of the struggle for Soviet Jewry's right to repatriation in Israel. The dramatic rescue of Ethiopian Jewry was initiated by Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Now, the Herut Movement is heading the effort to encourage and facilitate the aliyah of Jews from the free world.

Project Renewal

Initiated by Menachem Begin in 1977, Project Renewal transformed the lives of 600,000 Israeli citizens who came into the country in the early years from Arab lands and Displaced Persons camps. Project Renewal has been acclaimed by independent researchers as "the most successful renewal program in the world." A mass building program is being directed by Minister of Housing and Deputy Prime Minister David Levy. It is coupled with a spiritual and social rehabilitation enterprise under the auspices of the Ministry of Labour and Welfare, headed by Moshe Katzav, himself an immigrant from Iran and also a prominent Herut leader.

The Jewish People

Our generation, which witnessed the physical destruction of one-third of our people, cannot stand by and witness the spiritual disappearance of another large segment of the nation. It is our obligation to stem the tide, to reverse the process, before it is too late. Deeply concerned with Jewish destiny, we stand for intensified Jewish and Hebrew education. Moreover, we stand for teaching by example.

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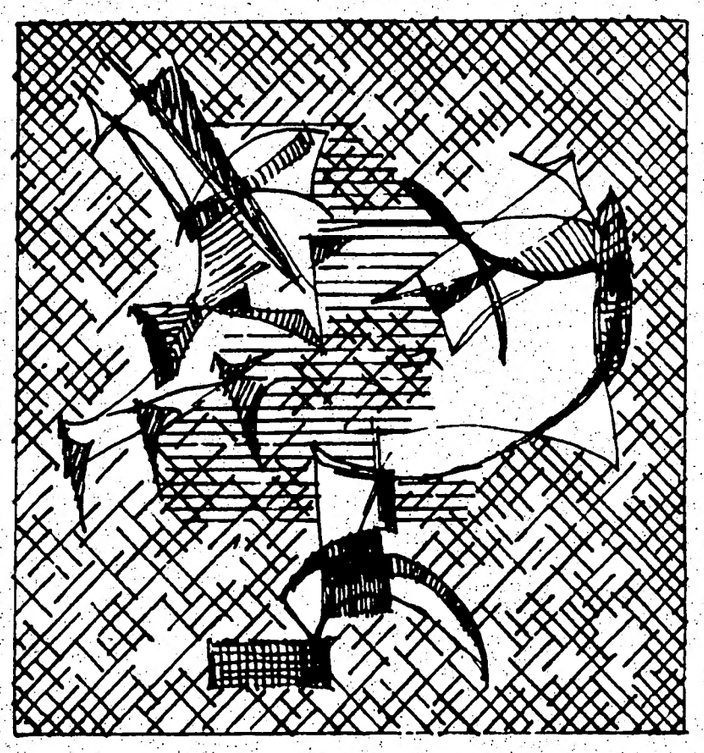

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registered more members than any other constituent other than Hadassah-Wizo and retained its three delegate strength at the Congress.

The ZOC representatives of the Area Elections Committee for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress have attempted to avoid the disastrous waste of money and energy necessary for elections. This money, we feel, is desperately needed for Zionist Youth Movements, Camps and programming.

The ZOC is appalled at the beginning of the "religious wars" which can only be accelerated if there are elections.

The ZOC believes that the resignation of Max Shechter from the Area Elections Committee in protest against these elections should be applauded and must be followed up by a serious discussion by all groups to settle the matter and tone down the rhetoric.

The ZOC has forwarded educational material and bulletins to its members and supports a Hebrew Television program on the cable stations in Montreal. Its officers have been involved in speaking engagements throughout Canada explaining Israel's position and the future of Zionism in Canada and in Israel. The National Vice-President of ZOC, David Azrieli, sits on the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization.

The Zionist Organization of Canada has cooperated with its youth arm, Canadian Young Judaea and its camps in many of its centers throughout Canada. The ZOC is committed to the suport of these young people and believes that the money set aside for elections to the World Zionist Congress should be used for youth education.

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Why We Must Do More Than Survive to Survive

by Eugene Kaellis

NEARLY every Canadian adult has been exposed to the centuries-old claim that Christianity is the true faith and that it is an improvement over Judaism.

Both religions developed in similar ambiences, are heterodox, and have long histories; therefore, few statements in one of their respectively enormous literatures cannot be matched by something comparable in the other. However, with reference to normative, current forms of Judaism and Christianity, and with regard to emphasis and irreconcilable differences, certain statements can confidently be made about what Judaism advocates vis-à-vis Christianity.

1. Belief in one eternal, infinite, immanent and transcendent God who endows the lives of individuals and events with meaning and with whom people can enter into an unbreakable covenant, rather than a belief in a trinity which includes a god incarnate.

2. Acceptance of a God whose manifestations are known but is in essence ineffable, rather than speculation on the substance and identity of God.

3. Establishment of a direct, personal relationship between every individual and God, rather than one mediated by church-administered sacraments.

4. Emphasis on improving the behavior of people rather than on "correcting" their beliefs.

5. Recognizing personal choice and responsibility, rather than positing original sin with salvation only through vicarious sacrifice.

6. Reliance on basic moral principles the interpretation and application of which can differ among people of goodwill and sagacity, rather than formulating a system of ecclesiastical dogma.

7. Recognition, through the Talmudic Method, that the spiritual and intellectual growth of humankind is an ongoing process, rather than holding that it is a completed circumstance awaiting divine reappearance for fulfilment.

8. Acceptance of the pursuit of pleasure as a worthy human endeavor, rather than denigration of matter and the body as the occasions of sin.

9. Connection through ritual with an uncensored history and the experience of the past, rather than a claim of novelty involving the selective devaluation of tradition.

Jewish Principles Attractive In Today's Society

Thus, by criteria widely accepted in liberal western democracies, Judaism is attractive and has principles and practices which can be considered more appropriate for ethical and spiritual growth in contemporary society than those of Christianity; yet many Jews react to such statements about Judaism with fear, embarrassment, and disbelief; fear that these claims will provoke Christian antipathy; embarrassment that they are self-serving, even bigoted; and disbelief, because many Jews regard Judaism as an anachronistic tribal cult rather than a faith of universal appeal and potential.

Promoting Judaism as a universal faith, even if such promotion is aimed at the presumably non-committed population, would undoubtedly incite negative reactions among some Christians. To assess this risk, two important considerations must be kept in mind: 1) Most irreligious Canadians are under the influence of a Christian ideology which is derived from Christian theology. This ideology generates manifold attitudes on the way people perceive themselves, evaluate behavior and belief, conceive of justice, etc. Therefore, ultimately, a comparison between Judaic and Christian modes cannot be avoided. 2) While promoting Judaism entails a risk, failing to do so poses a greater danger: the probability that

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Judaism will become inconsequential and possibly extinct in the next century, depriving the world of a system of worship and thought having inestimable value.

Secular Jews who think that Judaism is simply one other form of Jewish expression may be unmoved by this prospect, but the keystone of Jewishness has always been Judaism, and it is folly for non-observant Jews to believe that without Judaism they would be able to maintain a purely secular ethnicity. In every instance in which Judaism was weakened sufficiently, Jewishness has become shallow and trendy before disappearing entirely.

The basis for this dreary prognosis is largely numbers. Even populations which have suffered major natural catastrophes, prolonged and bloody warfare, and economic disasters have increased, but there are fewer Jews today than there were fifty years ago!

Jew Survive Mainly In Three Centres

Three major centers make up about ninety percent of surviving world Jewry: North America, the Soviet Union, and Israel.

The Soviet center is moribund, with revival unlikely. Thinly-disguised anti-Semitism is widespread, Hebrew is virtually outlawed, and there are no seminaries for replacing the handful of rabbis. After nearly seventy years of Bolshevik dictatorship and persistence of a terror which, while not as crude or open as that of Stalin, is just as firmly institutionalized, it is unrealistic to hope that restrictions against Soviet Jews will be relaxed in a program of genuine democratization. Jews who apply for exit permits are systematically harassed, dismissed from their jobs, and then often prosecuted for "parasitism." Their children are expelled from educational institutions, their houses searched, they are arbitrarily arrested, beaten by police and "hooligans." Bold, determined, and persistent Soviet Jews may, if international pressure is strong enough, be allowed to emigrate; the rest will almost certainly become assimilated under sustained pressures. This now significant part of world Jewry may simply disappear as did the ten northern tribes after the Assyrian conquest.

Israel cannot be relied upon to maintain a Judaic civilization. Whatever the type and degree of connectedness Israeli civilization has with Judaism, it differs substantially. Ironically, the extent of codification of Halacha into Israeli civil law provides the best evidence for the degree of secularization in Israeli society. Left to their own devices, Israelis would ignore most religious laws. In the familiar substitution of authority for a power not bestowed voluntarily, the orthodox parties have contrived to win rabbinic control over many aspects of society and have, as a result, created resentment, completing the vicious cycle. If codifying Halacha into state law is an effort by orthodoxy to entrench authority in a new "priestly" class, the short-term "successes" of this imposition will not create a stable base for a Judaic civilization viewed from the freer principles and practices which have evolved in the western diaspora.

While Israel has served as a haven for Holocaust survivors and oppressed Jews of Arab countries and Ethiopia and has, within its limitations, protected the interests of world Jewry, its most important influence among diaspora Jews has been to help replace remnants of ghetto mentality with self-confidence and assertiveness. Carried one step further this new image should include missionizing.

The growth of Jewish religious fundamentalism in certain centers of North America and Israel has been one response to assimilationism, but this too will not save Judaism because it has limited growth potential, is particularist and reactionary to the point where it repels at least as many Jews as it attracts. Among Jewish women (and men) who support feminist principles, Jewish fundamentalism is a complete "turn off."

In Canada where one out of five census respondents were required to indicate religious affiliation, official data are available. Jews are now less than 1.23% of the Canadian population, showing an 18% decrease in their proportion over a fifty-year period. In the United States, where studies indicate that Jews now make up less than 3% of the population, every indication is that the proportion of Jews is also falling. The Jewish birth rate, even when adjusted for socio-economic factors, is consistently below that of non-Jews and barely achieves maintenance levels. Moreover, the low birth rates among various religious affiliations (Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform) tend to converge. The average age of Jews is much higher than that of the general American population and that of any other ethnic group. Jews also tend to marry older. All these factors markedly reduce their reproductive potential.

An even more significant factor eroding the viability of Jewish community life in North America is an unprecedented dispersal among Jews which tends to augment an intermarriage rate that averaged nearly 32% from 1966 to 1972 and is almost certainly rising. Although some of the non-Jewish partners convert to Judaism, no study revealed anything approaching 100% in raising the offspring of these marriages as Jews. The shift in the occupational profiles of younger North American Jews indicates that dispersal is likely to increase. Furthermore, since serial migration is becoming a more common phenomenon, ties between migrating Jews and surrounding Jewish communities tend to be ephemeral and weak. *When the concentration of Jews in a community falls below a certain level, maintaining adequate Jewish communal, institutional, cultural, educational, or religious life becomes impossible.*

Fortunately anti-Semitism is no longer a "reliable" factor in maintaining Jewish (and Judaic) identification. Jews living in large cities, such as New York, may see a greater number of *yarmelke*-toting businessman and professionals on the streets or groups of kids with side locks playing stickball but this is not reassuring. The facts are: Jews are declining relatively in numbers, they are assimilating, and they are becoming secularized. If these trends continue unabated, by the mid-twenty-first century Jews in general, and practising Jews in particular, will be reduced to an insignificant and probably peripheral part of the North American population.

Jews cannot reassure themselves by citing centuries of survival in spite of the most oppressive conditions. Until the twentieth century, Jews, though defeated and oppressed, had not been subjected to a systematic (and largely successful) program of genocide. The Holocaust changed that. It not only annihilated whole populations of European Jews, it destroyed centuries-old Jewish civilizations and brought home the realization that genocide is technologically and politically feasible. Now the lures of assimilation and secularization are the great dangers to Jewish life. This century poses problems and threats which are qualitatively different from those of all previous periods and which are not likely to be attenuated or reduced in number. Basic assumptions so widely accepted in the past that they did not require articulation are now in doubt. The only conclusion possible is that past survival is no guarantee of future survival. God gave Jews the freedom and obligation to assure their continuation through their own efforts; passively relying on God's will alone is a presumption and an illusion.

The obvious and viable solution is converting non-Jews into religious Jews.

Invariably the initial response to this proposal is rejection with the rejoinder that Jews have no need to concern themselves with Gentiles; the first people to be converted to Judaism, the objectors insist, are the Jews themselves.

Even if all Jews were suddenly to become obser-

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vant and were willing and able to increase their birth rate to keep pace with the general population, it is unlikely that they could succeed. The gap is already too large. Furthermore, that in itself would not affect the dispersion of Jews over the North American landscape. But more important is that proselytizing amongh Gentiles and attracting ethnic but non-observant Jews to Judaism are not separate issues.

Even a minimally effective program of gaining non-Jewish converts to Judaism could be decisive in bringing "lapsed" Jews back to the synagogue community by promoting a greater awareness, appreciation of, and pride in their own culture and religion. When practising Jews demonstrate that they think Judaism is attractive enough to offer to Gentiles with the expectation that it will be accepted, they will enhance considerably its perceived value to born, non-practising Jews. In congregations where there are converts a sense of pride exists among born Jews because they can see around them people who "didn't have to be Jews" but chose to.

The mission of Judaism is recognized every time the Torah is removed from the Ark and the congregation repeats the words of Isaiah, "For from Zion will go forth the Torah, and the word of Adonoy from Jerusalem." The extensive proselytizing activities of the Pharisees was preceded by those of Abraham after God told him, "By you all the families of the earth shall bless themselves." Zechariah prophesied, "...ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.' " The Midrash states, "If you do not proclaim my Godhead to the nations, I will punish you." And the *Tanhuma* states, "Dearer to God is the proselyte who has come of his own accord than all the crowds of Israelites who stood before Mount Sinai."

The thirteenth Benediction of the *Shemone Esreh* which dates back nearly nineteen centuries and, next to the *Shema*, the most important part of the daily service, is a prayer for converts: "Upon the righteous, upon the pious, upon the elders of Your people, the House of Israel, upon the remnant of their scholars, upon the true proselytes, and upon us, may your mercy be aroused, Adonoy our God." "Judaism was the first religion to organize missions," Leo Baeck has written, "and it was Jewish propaganda which prepared the grounds for the diffusion of Christianity. Political rather than religious considerations put an end to Judaism's attempt to extend its realms of believers."

Although proselytizing efforts would probably be met with some hostility, in the long run these efforts would improve the Christian perception of Judaism and thus reduce anti-Semitism. Eichorn has noted that one recurrent complaint by Christians is that Jews do not consider Gentiles worthy enough to be missionized. With a missionary program Judaism will be seen as a universal faith which everybody can embrace.

Aside from "internal" benefits, proselytizing can meet with considerable success in gaining Gentile converts. In the abstract, the difficulty presented by such a task is enormous, involving a change in how Gentiles view themselves, how they see God, and their relationship to God. Yet significant realization of this goal is possible because many people are encountering the difficulties caused by contradiction between Christian theology and their life experience. Some of them have consequently developed personal theologies which are essentially Judaic, even Talmudic. Having the opportunity to strengthen and refine their latent Judaism through instruction and practice would give them an option for greater spiritual relevancy in their lives.

Some Jews may object to missionizing because they have witnessed or even been subjected to such activity performed in a hucksterizing fashion which panders to the presumed prejudices and fears of its target with the sole object of adding numbers. As with most activities, proselytizing can descend into superficiality and vulgarity, or it can be carried out in dignity, honesty, and good taste.

A proselytizing program would restore a sense of mission and purpose to Judaism far more inspiring than the usual defensive actions used in struggling to hold its own against threatening and eroding forces. Survival is hardly enough inspiration decade after decade. Proselytizing was once a traditional vocation for Jews; they must take it up again.

Heading Off the Cataclysm

by Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka

HOW many times can you cry "wolf" without compromising credibility? This seems to be a major consideration in grappling with some of the crises confronting the contemporary Jewish community.

We are, after all, the ever dying people, as noted by Simon Rawidowicz. So often have the bells of impending doom been tolled that it is now quite difficult to take seriously the warning that grave dangers loom on the Jewish horizon.

With all the talk, and preachments, about cultural assimilation, population erosion through low fertility rates, high rates of inter-marriage, high rates of postponed marriage, lack of proper Jewish education, high percentage of non affiliated and uninvolved, and other presumably valid reasons for validating a bleak prognosis, we are still breathing. The obituary notices are premature at the very least. and in all likelihood they are wrong. So why worry?

For two reasons. Firstly, it is probably wise to have a healthy (not too much, not too little) dose of anxiety, if for no other reason than to avoid the complacency which comes with taking matters for granted.

Secondly, there *is* a legitimate reason to worry. Aside from all other areas of potential danger, two factors particular to the North American scene are of serious concern. No, not the rate of divorce and the rate of intermarriage per se, but the realities emanating from these two trends.

Realities Resulting From Divorce and Intermarriage

Many victims of the high divorce rate do not seek a religious divorce, and when they remarry without the get, the "legitimacy" of any ensuing progeny is in question. According to CLAL'S Rabbi Yitzhak Greenberg, by the year 2000 we may be contending with two hundred thousand Jews of dubious legitimacy.

Amongst the many non-Jews who link with Jewish marital partners, a good percentage opt for conversion to Judaism. According to Rabbi Greenberg, about 90% of these conversions are processed by Reform Rabbis, whose conversion procedures are not recognized by the Orthodox and by many Conservative Rabbis. To complicate matters, most Conservative conversions are not recognized by the Orthodox. By the year 2000, Greenberg guesstimates that we will have three hundred and sixty thousand people who think they are Jewish but who, by Orthodox standards, are not. Add to the mix two hundred thousand who via Reform's patrilineal pronouncement will consider themselves Jews, and we will have approximately three quarters of a million "non-integratables;" people who will think that they are full members of the Jewish community but who, by the dictates of tradition, cannot integrate into the Jewish matrix.

There are those who take issue with the accuracy of these numbers, and it may be the case that the numbers are way off.

How Will We Survive?

But the numbers alone are not the issue. Nor is the "survival" of the North American Jewish community in jeopardy. It is not a matter of whether we will survive; it is more a matter of how we will survive. With the perception that the Reform community is plagued with a host of status-related problems, families within the traditional community will increasingly avoid social contact with them. Parents who heretofore told their children — "go where you want, do what you want, but make sure to come home with a Jewish mate,' will soon, if they are not already, be giving the added instruction — "and don't come home with a Temple member, because they also may not be Jewish."

When marital possibilities are foreclosed, a process of social distancing sets in, leading to a separation-cum-divorce within the community and the creation of two distinct, disparate groups, each claiming to be the real Israel — shades of the Judaism-Christianity split.

Lawrence Schiffman, in his perceptive book, "Who Was A Jew?," argues that the final break between the Jewish people and the Christian sect came when that sect, through its liberal conversion procedures (no circumcision required, for example), had more non-Jews than Jews.

We have already had a cataclysmic split in our history, so it is folly to argue that it cannot happen. The issue is — can it happen again?

Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, in her recent anti-CLAL diatribe, unfairly questions the wisdom of dialogue among the Rabbis of the various trends as a useful approach. She argues that we have enough of that. But we really do not have enough dialogue. No one would be so naive as to suggest that dialogue is the solution. But dialogue can create the atmosphere in which all trends will push hard to find a solution.

Presently, the Orthodox community has not seen fit to make communal coherence a priority. This is a general perception with obvious, yet not forceful enough, exceptions. To quote the reviewer of my book, "The Coming Cataclysm," in the Jewish Observer, who was in turn condensing the views of another reviewer, "the Reformers do not need it, and the Orthodox cannot accept it."

The reviewer was referring to my suggested creation of a Theological Clearing House to deal with status problems in a positive fashion, working within the framework of Jewish law to solve rather than to create problems.

In actuality, Reform does need it, and Orthodoxy can accept it. There are ways; whether there is a will is another matter — primarily, the will to transcend organizational constraints and to think of the total community.

Orthodox-Reform relations at present are best characterized as an "us-them" relationship, rather than the more desirable "we" relationship.

Community Perspective Essential

In my encounters with various groups across the country, many perceptive Orthodox-affiliated individuals frankly declare that the failure of the Orthodox Rabbinical leadership to confront the issue from the perspective of the greater community is the major stumbling block to any progress.

Many also suggest, sometimes gently, sometimes angrily, that this is a Rabbi-related problem. "You get your own act together," they say, "and don't bother us."

Whatever the case, the problem is with us, and we are, or at least should be, beyond the "blaming" stage. Whoever is at fault, we are all potential victims. And the grass-roots of all trends must rise up

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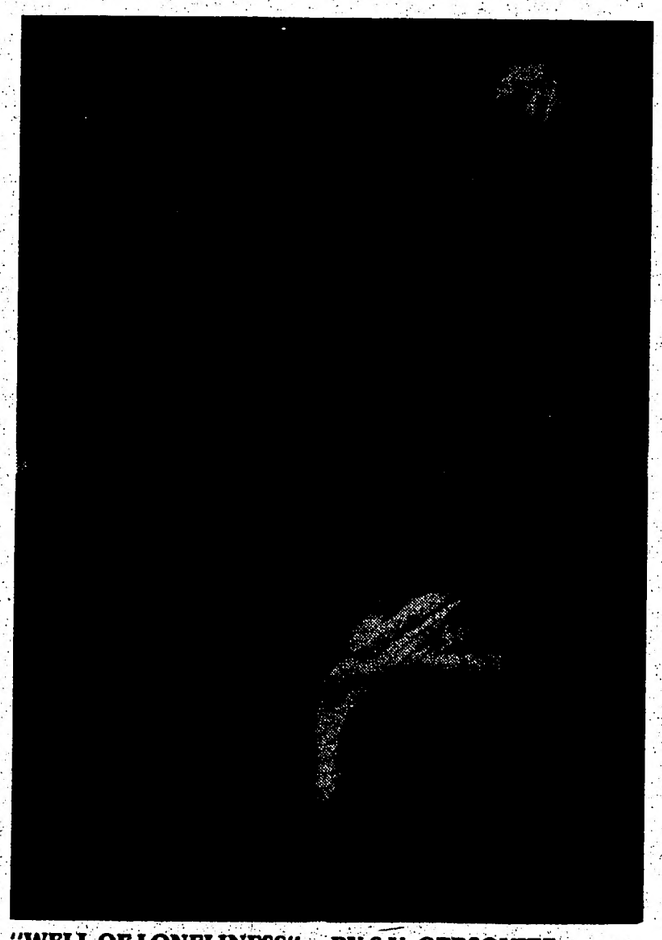

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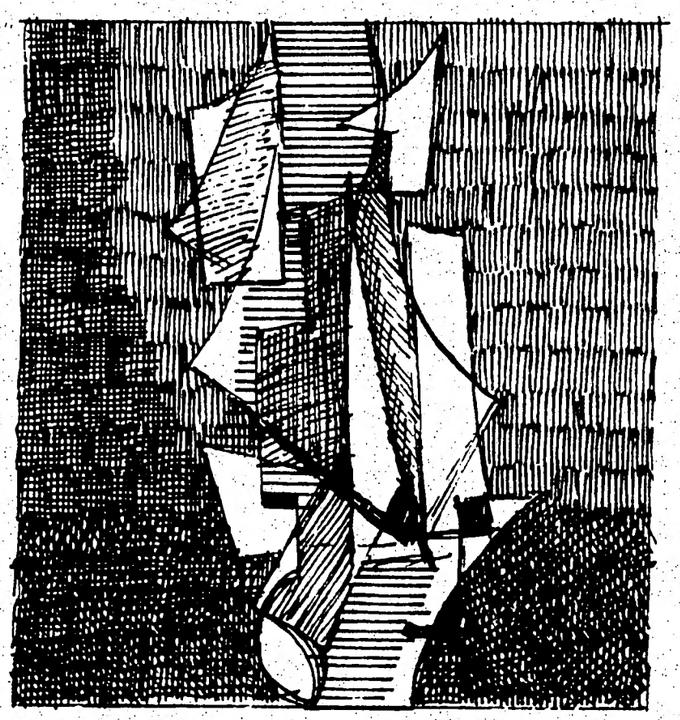
and vociferously argue with their Rabbinic leaders to impress upon their mentors the critical need for resolution.

The recent bitter experiences in Israel are reason enough to be wary of the consequences of rift. A divided community in North America may not throw stones at each other, but they will vitiate the strength of the community, set-up brother and sister against each other, and certainly diminish whatever influence the Jewish community has on support for Israel. Additionally, one can think of few realities that would depress our brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union more, than the knowledge that the experiment in freedom ended up in such a dismal disaster.

As the first step in the rapprochement process, all trends should resolve to refrain from throwing "verbal rocks" at each other. From non-aggression we may graduate to peace, and from peace to harmony.

Perceptions of the "other" must be reassessed. For example, I suggested to a Rabbinic group that even if one brands the Reform as idolatry, still we should accept the Midrashic comment that Israel at peace, even with idolatry within, is better off than without idolatry but with strife (Hosea, 10:2, and Rashi). I added that whatever negative view one might have of Reform, one certainly could not equate Reform with idolatry.



To my chagrin, this observation was challenged by one Rabbi who had at least some measure of support from other colleagues. This of course missed the "even if" point, but illustrates the extreme antagonism that resides in the minds of some influential leaders.

Those to the left of Orthodox, be they Conservative, Reform, or Reconstructionist, must realize that there are significant number of Orthodox Rabbis who are very concerned, even sorely vexed about this issue, and dedicated to helping in any way to find a solution, no matter what the personal consequences may be.

Those who are concerned, whatever their affiliation, can no more be passively concerned. They must become active, forceful lobbyists for Jewish unity because of diversity.

Forceful Lobbyists For Jewish Unity Needed

At the aforementioned presentation to the Rabbinic group, I was roundly attacked by one Rabbi who concluded with an allusion to God's charge to Moses — "go, get down, for your people have corrupted themselves . . ." (Exodus, 32:7). Rashi explains this in the following manner — "it does not say *the* people have corrupted themselves, rather *your* people — the mixed multitude that you accepted on your own and converted them without consulting me, instead saying that it is better for converts to cleave unto the Godly presence, these became corrupt and corrupted other." To this argumentation via scripture, I responded — the worst that integrationists should ever be accused of is that they are like Moshe Rabbenu.

I project the downside, even depressing scenario, not because I am sure that this will ensue, but because I fear that it might. The dangers are real enough that we need Moshe-like, pressure resistant leaders to forge ahead in the best interests of universal Israel.

There is no guarantee that we will find a solution to any or all the issues, but the process of trying is sure to bring its own rewards, maybe even a greater degree of intra-Judaic appreciation and cooperation.

Israel and the West Bank: *Hard Realities*

by David J. Bercuson

UNILATERAL Israeli withdrawal from Judea and Samaria is the only viable alternative to the stalemate that now exists on the West Bank — a stalemate that will ultimately endanger the very existence of Israel as we know it. Time is not on Israel's side. With every year that passes, the problems posed by Israeli occupation of Judea and Samaria increase and the dangers to Israel of that occupation increase as well. If Israel waits for a negotiating partner to determine the future of the West Bank, however, it could wait forever.

In June, 1967, the Israel Defence Forces occupied Judea and Samaria as a consequence of Jordan's attack on Israel in the opening hours of the Six Days War. The twentieth anniversary of this event is approaching and Israel is as firmly entrenched there as ever. Sooner or later, however, the future of Judea and Samaria will have to be resolved. From 1967 until recently, the ratio of Jews to Arabs on the West Bank remained relatively stable, despite a much higher Arab birth rate. But now a more normal condition is returning. The recession in the oil industry means fewer jobs in the Gulf for West Bank Palestinians and more of them are staying home. The growth of the Arab population in Judea and Samaria is once again outstripping the growth in the number of Jews there. Close to twenty years of Jewish settlement has had virtually no demographic impact and the region is, and will remain, overwhelmingly Arab in character. At the same time anti-Jewish violence is increasing daily on the West Bank and in Jerusalem. A new generation of Arab youth is growing to maturity which has never known anything but an Israeli presence, whose national aspirations grow more frustrated by the moment, and which sees little to lose by resistance.

Many Jews and Israelies believe that, where the West Bank is concerned, doing nothing is better than doing something, that stasis is better than movement, that non-resolution is better than resolution. The Arab inhabitants of the region are basically quiescent, the reasoning goes, there is no apparent danger of reconquest, and the army can handle the disturbances that do take place. Besides, such people reason, the area is so vital to Israeli security that almost any price is worth paying to keep it forever, or until it can be returned in return for peace.

Status Quo Ignores Historical Reality

This kind of thinking is folly. It ignores the historical reality that stability is not inherent in human affairs, that dynamism and change are the order of things in a dynamic world. It also ignores the hard demographic challenge that the growth of the Arab population in Judea and Samaria poses to Israel. If Israel continues to remain in possession of Judea and Samaria, what should it do about the Arabs there? Rabbi Kahane advocates transporting them to the east, in a manner Jews find all too familiar. Short of this, what are Israel's present options? First, it can try to maintain the status quo — policy full of danger. No status quo can last forever. Violent resistance will surely increase. The Arabs will follow the lead of the Catholics in Northern Ireland. Can Israel afford such a struggle? Can Israel afford to lose it? To lose a Belfast-type struggle in Judea and Samaria would set a horrendous example for Arabs living inside the Green Line. Second, it could annex the West Bank and grant the Arabs full citizenship. They would then (in combination with Israeli Arabs) be so large a minority as to change Israel into a bi-national state. And should birthrate trends continue, they would eventually be able to dismantle the Zionist state they so despise. Third, Israel could annex the West Bank and create apartheit-style "homelands" there for the Arabs. This racist solution would certainly bring about the moral destruction of Israel and Zionism. What would be left would be a hollow shell ruled by the Kahane/Khomeinis of Israel.

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Israel Is Prisoner Of Its Own Policy

The West Bank is a problem to Israel because Israel has become a prisoner of its own policy. It waits for a negotiating partner — King Hussein of Jordan is preferred — and places its freedom of action in the hands of the Arabs. Current Israeli policy can have only one result: Jordan, the Palestinians, Syria and Saudi Arabia will determine the future of the West Bank, not Israel, and, in so determining, they also shape the future of Israel itself. If Israelis have learned any lessons from the past nineteen years they are the following: Hussein is not free to act without the acquiescence of Syria and Saudi Arabia; the PLO is incapable of change; Arafat is more interested in preserving his organization than in a negotiated settlement; the United States can never pressure Hussein to the peace table; Hussein (who still claims sovereignty over the West Bank) has a stronger grip on the area when Israel is acting as his policeman and is bearing the brunt of the costs for keeping the peace there. This last lesson points to a fundamental fact — Hussein will never negotiate unless he is certain he can achieve in the West Bank and Jerusalem what Sadat achieved in the Sinai; complete Israeli withdrawal. And, of course, he will never achieve this. Israel tried to pressure Hussein with its settlement policy but achieved nothing and has only made a negotiated withdrawal more complicated. Now, having lost the settlement race and run out of funds, Israel waits for Hussein to solve the West Bank problem and guarantee the future of Israel as a Zionist state.

Unilateral Withdrawal Only Alternative

Unilateral withdrawal is the only alternative to the present course. If Israel determined which areas of Judea and Samaria it needs for security and which it needed to avoid (i.e., with large concentrations of Arabs), and then drew a map on that basis and announced a timetable for withdrawal, it would achieve the following results: 1) Israel would unilaterally decide the pace and conditions for its withdrawal; 2) Israel would unilaterally decide what it needed to keep for security reasons; 3) the Arabs of the West Bank would have to begin to take responsibility for their future; 4) Hussein would be placed under tremendous pressure to make his own decisions about the West Bank; 5) so would Arafat; 6) so would the United States, the Soviet Union, the Saudis and the Syrians.

Unilateral withdrawal could have major drawbacks: it could endanger Israeli security by giving terrorists a base of operations to strike at Israel proper and it could deny to Israel an area that could be used to absorb a major Arab attack such as that mounted by Egypt and Syria on October 6, 1973. But these dangers are more apparent than real.

Many Israelis point to Israel's posession of the Golan Heights and Sinai in October, 1973, and claim that if Israel did not have those area in which to absorb and contain the Arab attacks it would have been doomed. But this is the wrong lesson. If Israel had not possessed those area, it would have attacked at the first real sign of war, as it did in June, 1967, and it would not have gambled on Arab intentions as it did in 1973. The October War proved that the Israel Defence Forces must not base their tactical thinking on a defensive response to Arab attack. The IDF was and is designed as a rapid strike force, an offensive army, not an army of defence. It must carry the war to the enemy and do so quickly. It can safely be said that it will never again absorb a first blow and thus the apparent buffer area offered by the West Bank is largely an illusion.

West Bank Settlements Not A Proper Defence

Some Israelis believe that the West Bank settlements form an outer defensive ring, like the border settlements of 1948, and that they would help

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blunt a major Arab attack from across the Jordan River. This is not true. The technology of war is very different today than it was in 1948 and the enemy is far better equipped. Settlements, no matter how secure, can never stand against the shock of mass armour attack supported by helicopters and fighter bombers. It would probably take a battalion of T-72 tanks less than ten minutes to overun the smaller settlements; the larger ones would be bypassed and isolated. Israel would then have to mount efforts to relieve them and we would see a repeat of the convoy battles of 1948 with their high, and unsustainable, casualty rates. Isolated settlements would be a defensive liability to Israel. In fact, Israel utilized precious time and resources at the start of the October War to evacuate Golan Heights settlements.

And what of terrorist attack? Although the West Bank is already the source of much violence against Jews there and inside Israel, it is true that a West Bank without an Israeli military presence over large areas could serve as a base for increased attacks. But Israel would always be able to return in force to destroy terrorist concentrations or to punish those localities harbouring terrorists. This would prompt those inhabitants who would want to minimize Israeli interference in their lives (presumably the vast majority) to keep the terrorists out. And Israel could also count on Hussein to police his side of the Jordan (if he did not, in fact, occupy those areas left vacant by Israel) to forestall a PLO buildup that would be as dangerous to him as to the Israelis.

Unilateral withdrawal will be a gamble and poses dangers to Israel. But it could also bring tremendous military and political advantages. Under present and forseeable circumstances, any other policy is no-gamble; it is certain disaster.

Letters

Sir:

Henry Weinberg's article in your "Viewpoints" section of October 23, 1986 was very much to the point. However, being myself a Russian immigrant who left Moscow in July of 1971, I must disagree with his premise that a religious revival in Russia is only a recent development.

Ever since the creation of the Communist monster there have always been committed Jews, especially Lubavitch Chassidim, who against all odds dedicated their lives to actively propagating the basic tenets of our tradition amongst our Jewish brethren. These unknown heroes; some who were incarcerated in Siberian prisons, never to return, and others who later became leaders of flourishing Jewish communities around the world, planted seeds later developed into the incredible, massive return to authentic Judaism we are witnessing.

I grew up in the early sixties in the Soviet Union. My family was just one of the many who led an uncompromising, observant life in our city. When I say "uncompromising" I mean adhering to every principle of the Torah, to the letter of the law, and beyond.

We even had "Cholov Yisroel" (literally "Jewish milk", based on a Talmudic tradition that the milking of a cow be supervised by a Jew). I was assigned the task of delivery boy. As a young, inconspicuous boy of ten, and an experienced bicycle driver, I was the perfect candidate. My job was to take the clumsy pails of milk from the goat owner (who sold me the milk illegally), to the families whose little children were waiting for their morning breakfast.

We observed Shabbos to the point of self sacrifice. Feigning illness to avoid attending school on Shabbos was not as easy as it sounds, especially with four family members attending the same school. All of the Zaltzmans sick every Saturday — in addition to taking a great risk — was an awesome emotional/psychological strain on a seven or thirteen year old child, to have to deal with unbearable taunting from teachers each and every Monday morning. But we did it anyway!

I remember watching my father (who never worked on Shabbos) prepare for a staff meeting which he was compelled to attend on Shabbos morning. He woke up as early as 4:00 a.m. to give himself ample time for a six hour hike, not to drive. His right hand was covered by a sling, not to write, G-d forbid, on the Holy Shabbos.

We were vigorously trained to study Torah. We studied Talmud, Chassidus, etc., in a travelling, underground Yeshiva. Every week our Yeshiva would operate out of a different home. It was a real scene. In order to protect ourselves from the authorities, we would set up a home-made alarm device, that whenever the yard door would open, a bell would notify us that someone was entering, and give us sufficient time to check who it was. If it was a familiar face, life went on as usual. However, if it was an unfamiliar face, a quick metamorphosis would take place. The innocent Yeshiva boys studying Torah would turn into street kids playing chess. If it was necessary, we used the window as an escape route.

These are just some of the numerous cases of the daily self-sacrifice we experienced twenty-five years ago. We left the Soviet Union together with hundreds of other totally observant families in the early seventies. I surely think that we had at least some impact on present day revival.

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Sir:

I would like to comment on the article "Soviet Jewry" by H.H. Weinberg. (Vol. XIV, No. 5)

This article contains some clumsily fabricated or doctored information that not only doesn't help the cause of Soviet Jewry but on the contrary, ruins the credibility of the true stories of their plight.

Take for instance the story of that former engineer in Leningrad allegedly involved in supplying kosher meat to several dozen families of "baalei teshuva". Every few weeks he routinely drives a shohet to the countryside (read Kolkhoz) to buy a cow, slaughter it, then distribute the kosher meat to the (semi-)observant families. Sounds nice, doesn't it!

But this is practically impossible, ask any Russian immigrant!

The cow belongs to the Kolkhoz inventory. What official would take the responsibility upon himself to sell it to a private individual (labelled as "speculant") — without satisfying the complicated bureaucracy required? He must be "covered", otherwise he risks his freedom. "Speculating" is a serious crime in USSR and is worth at least 10 years in Gulag.

But let suppose that the two good Jews go the cow. To slaughter it without the approval of the Sanitary Inspector is another serious crime. Then where will they work? In the back of the barn? Would they satisfy the requirements of giving the skin, etc, to the official collectors?

How do they transport the meat for distribution? In the trunk of their Lada? (another infraction to the Sanitary Regulation, severely punishable)

Can they repeat this impossible adventure every few weeks without raising the suspicion of the party members, informers, militia, etc?

There are also other silly stories in that article, an obvious effort of the author to link the survival of Jewish identity of the refuseniks to the isolated cases of falling into religious fanaticism. An unwary reader might think that all the refuseniks have fallen in love with Halacha and are dying to implement it point by point.

For instance, here is Moshe, the ten year old whiz kid who managed to wrestle the Hebrew and is now studying the Talmud, nicht mere? When his Bobe was young she used to smuggle bombs under her skirt (yes under her skirt) for the bolsheviks. When I told this story over the phone to my friends, they almost died laughing.

And those students who skip school on Saturdays and Holy days, it is hard to understand how do they manage to catch up with the school program and prepare the exams, but for sure they won't go far with their education. So, their parents encourage them to feign illness on Shabes.

Next, this quote: "Some women travel thousands of miles every month, at great expense, to visit a ritual bathhouse". This is preposterous. Imagine those women travelling every month a distance like Toronto—Vancouver just to attend the mikveh. They must not be working and their husbands must earn huge salaries and enjoy the privileges of Nomenklaturea, but even so, it must be almost impossible to observe this mitzvah of travelling routinely *thousands of miles every month.*

Perhaps the readers heart should bleed for that Riga engineer who cannot keep Shabes properly because he doesn't have the right clock or for that Leningrad pediatrician who so badly misses a recipe for kosher cheese, but I think that I have written enough to make my point; that the quality of Mr. Weinberg's article is disappointing.

Sincerely yours

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RESPONSE TO I. BRAVERMAN

Sir:

I am grateful to Mr. Braverman for providing me with the opportunity to elaborate on a few points in my article. That he, an immigrant from the Soviet Union, finds my report unbelievable merely underscores the extraordinary nature of the "Baalei Teshuva" phenomenon in Russia today.

The interest in religion is a rather recent development. When the massive emigration stopped in the early 1980s some Refuseniks who had been studying Hebrew in preparation for Alviah came to the realization that in order not to lose their Jewish consciousness, they would have to acquire a deeper knowledge of Jewish culture and traditions; proficiency in the Hebrew language was not enough. Some of the teachers of Hebrew became teachers of Judaic subjects and there emerged a new generation of teachers who were interested in the study of Torah. As one Refusenik put it, one could not discuss books such as, *90 Minutes over Entebbe*, indefinitely. There appeared a new breed of Soviet Jews who came to the conclusion that a commitment to Judaism made sense only when it is based on knowledge of traditional texts and on religious practice. They realized that they had to seek Jewish solutions to their Jewish problem and that the key to these solutions could be found in the Talmud.

I did not imply that "all the Refuseniks fell in love with Halacha". I mentioned, "a return to religious observance among hundreds of Refusenik families". Reliable, recent estimates indicate that in Moscow alone there are some three hundred families, about one thousand individuals, who observe the Mitzvot, and by all reports their numbers are growing. Significantly, only five years ago the figures were close to zero. The phenomenon also exists in Leningrad and in other cities, if on a smaller scale. It is also noteworthy that it involves predominantly the young. Moreover, even some in the older generation seem to be changing their attitude toward religion.

Since the beginning of Emancipation, Jews in the Diaspora had been leaving the Jewish faith through assimilation, intermarriage and conversion. Today's world-wide *"Baalai Teshuva"* movement represents a historic turnabout in this process. Moreover, what is happening in Russia is unique in that it represents a reversal of a trend that has originated in the days of the "Maskilim". It is a vivid demonstration that modern Zionism can lead to religious commitment, and not just away from it, as was the case in previous generations of European Jewry.

The Leningrad Shochet whose activities Mr. Braverman questions has arrived in Israel and can now be identified (and his activities verified). He is the electronics engineer, Isaac Kogan, who became an inspiration even to non-observant Jews. (The regime now allows some private agriculture and not all cows are Kolkhoz-owned. It is also possible that it tacitly condoned the occasional provision of Kosher meat. With some effort it is possible to keep Kosher and the programmer in question does not wear his Kippa only at work).

In the light of his comments about "religious fanaticism" it is not surprising that Mr. Braverman, who apparently left the USSR before the emergence of the new movement, would find it laughable that the great-grandson of a prominent Moscow Bolshevik is now studying the Talmud. Others, who have not been indoctrinated to scorn the Jewish religion, might consider it a moving vindication of the spirit of eternal Judaism.

It is obvious that in the long run, there is no place for religious Jews in the Soviet Union. My article was intended to draw attention to their existence and to their plight. It is my fervent hope that, along with their non-observant brothers and sisters, they will be allowed to leave and will be able to exercise fully their freedom of conscience in Israel, where most of them decide to settle, or in any other free society.

H.H. Weinberg